



## Denver To Be Host For Southern Baptist Convention - June 1-4

THE MILE-HIGH CITY OF DENVER will be host for the 125th anniversary session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4. The Colorado state capitol building is in the lower center with the

Denver Hilton Hotel, headquarters for SBC meeting, just beyond. The city and County building is on the left with the Convention Center five blocks away.—(BP) PHOTO.

## Graham 'Euro '70' Crusade Begins

DORTMUND, Germany (April 6, 1970) — More than 80,000 Europeans attended the opening service of American evangelist Billy Graham's "EURO '70" from Dortmund, Germany, April 5.

Speaking in Dortmund's Westfalenhalle, Graham delivered a sermon entitled "The Unchanging Gospel" based on the 12th chapter of Hebrews. While his message remains unchanged, Billy Graham's methods of proclaiming it in this Crusade are unique.

For the first time in the history of the church, closed-circuit television is sending the Crusade in seven languages into 36 auditoriums of 10 countries.

The total attendance for the opening service at the TV centers throughout Europe was 94,000.

In Germany there were 41,000 in all auditoriums, including an overflow crowd in the Westfalenhalle.

The response was almost as great in Norway where 35,000 attended in 11 centers.

"EURO '70" Crusade officials report a total of nearly 1,000 inquirers at the first night services throughout the network.

The first meeting of "EURO '70" included an appearance by Bishop Hans Thimme, who extended official greetings to Billy Graham from Germany's state church (Lutheran).

A choir composed of German volunteers sang two selections. An unusual feature of the Crusade service is a live reversed sound report from a different TV center each night.

Sunday night the 1,300 members of the Berlin audience sang one verse of a song directed by Cliff Barrows, back to the large audience in Dortmund.

Peter Schneider of the German Evangelical Alliance, sponsor of the Crusade, interpreted Billy Graham's message from English into German, phrase by phrase.

The 51-year-old evangelist reminded his widespread audience that God does not change.

Graham said that as "the world seems to be moving towards suicide," God's plan for personal redemption revealed in the Bible provides man's only hope.

The Billy Graham "EURO '70" Crusade continues through April 12.

Evangelist Graham, who now makes his home in North Carolina, U. S. A., has held several crusades previously in Europe, as he has in many parts of the world, as well as numerous meetings in the United States.

## Southern Baptist Convention

June 1-4, 1970, Curran Hall, Denver, Colorado

THEME: "Living the Christ Life"

OFFICERS: W. A. Criswell, president; pastor, First Baptist Church Dallas, Texas

Lee Porter, first vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas

Harper Shannon, second vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama

Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, Nashville, Tennessee (retired)

W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

Porter W. Bouth, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee

Lee Roy Till, music director; minister of music, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

W. C. Fields, press representative; public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee

Robert Scales, chairman, committee on order of business; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Proposed Order of Business

Monday Evening, June 1

Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Heritage"

6:45 Music for Inspiration

7:00 Call to Order

Congregational Singing

Scripture and Prayer—V. Lavell Seats, professor, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

7:10 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

7:15 Committee on Order of Business—Robert S. Scales, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

7:20 Welcome (Governor Love of Colorado has been invited)

7:35 Introductions and Recognitions of officers' families, past presidents, guests

7:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Tellers

8:00 Congregational Singing

Special Music

8:10 President's Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

8:45 125th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention Celebration, a visual presentation

9:45 Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon, June 2

Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Responsibility"

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## Missing Missionary Found Safe In Beirut, Lebanon

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board learned early today (April 9) that missionary James F. Kirkendall, missing in Beirut, Lebanon, since Tuesday, had returned home weary but unharmed.

A call from missionary James K. Ragland in Beirut to Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, conveyed the information but was guarded in detail.

Ragland said simply that Kirkendall has been detained by "non-official forces" and had been well treated. An Associated Press release, dated

Beirut, says Kirkendall took "a wrong turn" and drove into the Sabra area, where he was "stopped and held for 42 hours by Palestinian guerrillas. They gave no clear reason for their detention of Kirkendall."

His associates said there had been no "rough stuff."

The Foreign Mission Board was informed by the State Department Wednesday.

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## Baptist Record Receives Award Of Merit Certificate From ACP

The Baptist Record received an Award of Merit certificate at the Annual meeting of Associated Church Press, in Chicago, on April 7.

It was one of two Southern Baptist publications receiving awards at the meeting. The other was The Baptist Program, edited by W. C. Fields, former editor of the Baptist Record.

The awards were two of twenty-three that were given at the meeting, to publications in various categories, and for various achievements.

The Baptist Record award was "in recognition of the best reportage in regional news journals, as exemplified in news stories about hurricane Camille."

The Baptist Program received its

award for a special issue published last November.

The citation of the Baptist Record Award read with the presentation, was as follows: "Excellent news coverage of a natural disaster of great concern not only to Mississippi Baptists but to the nation. The Baptist Record went all-out in its effort to report the event. The 36 storm pictures graphically captured the proportions of the disaster. Front page stories, as well as inside features, evaluated the storm in terms of property loss and human suffering. Editor Odie's survey of his tour through the area provides an excellent reporter's chronicle of the vastness of the devastation."

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## BJC Points To Showcomings In Hugh Scott Prayer Amendment

By W. Barry Garrett  
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WASHINGTON (BP) — The newly proposed constitutional prayer amendment in the U. S. Senate is defective as was its predecessors. Senator Hugh Scott (R. Pa.), Senate Republican leader, is attempting a resurrection of the old "Dirksen Amendment" which has lain dormant since the death of Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R. Ill.) last year.

With the addition of nine new words the "Scott Amendment" is the same as the "Dirksen Amendment." The new revised proposal reads:

"Nothing contained in this constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public school or other public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate voluntarily in non-denominational prayer or meditation."

The new words added are:

sen Amendment are: "in any public school or other," "voluntarily," and "or meditation."

Among the objectionable features of the proposed prayer amendment are the following:

1. It is based on a false assumption.

Sen. Scott said in his press release that his proposed amendment "would permit voluntary prayer, now forbidden by a controversial Supreme Court ruling." This, of course, is not what the Supreme Court rulings on prayer (Continued on page 3)

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## All Churches Urged To Mark Cooperative Program Day

Next Sunday, April 19 is Cooperative Program Day on the calendar of the Southern Baptist Convention and all of our churches are urged to observe the day, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary.

Continuing, Dr. Hudgins said: "Our gifts to missions, through the Cooperative Program, make possible all the work we Baptists do throughout the world on a regularly budgeted basis."

"Through them here in our State we sustain our colleges, our hospital, our facilities for children, aid to young preachers, our program assistance through personnel in our staff, subsidy to associational missions, aid to mission pastors, assistance in building projects, purchase of new mission sites, Seminary training for National Baptists, mission work among the

deaf, the Mexicans, the Indians, the Chinese and other minority groups, work among college students, assistance in meeting the social complexities of the day, and permeating all of our effort, a Bible-centered thrust in evangelism."

Rev. John D. Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, declared that "Cooperative Program Day affords the leadership of our churches one more opportunity to tell our people like it is with one of the greatest missionary programs in the world."

Continuing, he said:

"There is no desire on any one's part to cover up, gloss over, blow the facts up, or otherwise mislead anyone about our unified program of world outreach."

"But there is a deep desire and unspeakable yearning in our hearts that as many as possible of our people

know the truth about what all of us together are accomplishing through our mission boards, institutions, agencies and commissions.

"It is tragic but true that many Mississippi Baptists, though well-versed in the achievements of the (Continued on page 2)

## Administration Conferences Set

Joe Hinkle of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the church administration consultant and conference leader for four area Church Administration Conferences to be held in the state April 27-May 1.

Mr. Hinkle, the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsoring agency, said that major emphases will be church planning, counseling, and training for secretaries, church council members, deacons, and nominating committee members.

Directing the conferences will be Rev. Leon Emery, associate in the department.

Afternoon and evening sessions will be conducted at each of the four Baptist colleges: Blue Mountain College, April 27; William Carey College, April 28; Mississippi College, April 30; and Clarke College, May 1.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:15 p. m. and close at 5:20. This session is designed for pastors, superintendents of associational missions, staff members and secretaries.

The evening session begins at 7:00 and closes at 8:45. At this time training will be given to church council members, deacons, and nominating committee members.

Counseling sessions will be led by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission.

Other conference leaders will be approved church administration workers of Mississippi.

These conferences are sponsored jointly by the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, Howard B. Foshee, secretary and the Cooperative Missions Department.

A dutch meal will be available at each of the colleges. Those who desire this meal or have other questions should contact Mr. Emery, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

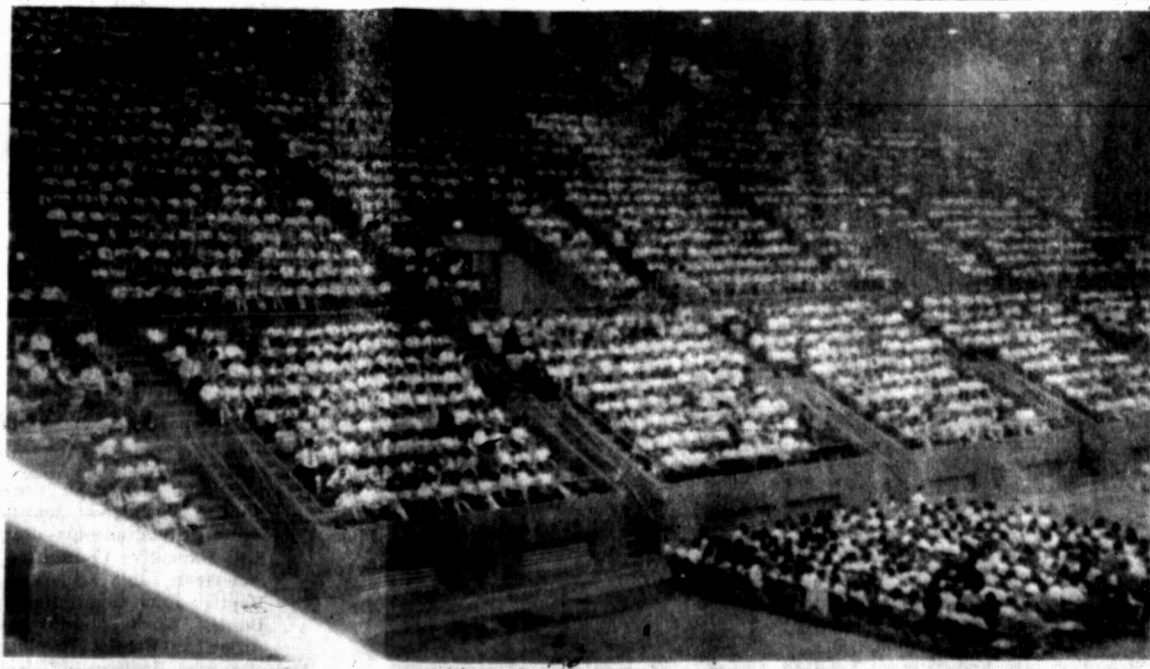
## Two Professors Say They'll Leave SBC

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS) — Two professors at the Southern Baptist University of Richmond announced plans to leave the school and the denomination, partly in protest to statements by Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Jerry L. Tarver said he is quitting because of Dr. Criswell's remarks in connection with the earlier resignation of Dr. William C. Smith.

Dr. Tarver, head of the speech and drama department, resigned as a deacon of the Westhampton Baptist church. He said he could not "in good conscience" remain a Southern Baptist.

Dr. Smith, who teaches religion at (Continued on page 2)



## RECORD 2800 ATTEND JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL

A record 2800 attended the annual State Baptist Junior Music Festival held in the Mississippi Coliseum Saturday of last week, sponsored by the Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director. Visiting conductor was Bob Burroughs, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

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# The Public Library - - Storehouse Of Knowledge

By Alex McKelney, Chairman  
National Library Week, 1970

Living in a nation which allows freedom of worship, we accept the fact, oftentimes without giving it a second thought, that we can live as Baptists and rear our children in our faith.

In the same way, we accept our creature comforts. Those of us who have never been hungry, give little thought to the lack of food.

Each of us has the freedom and the ability to pick up this newspaper and read its message.

We accept our faith, our food, and our educational opportunities as a part of life. We need to focus our attention on one of our blessings and to contemplate life without it.

To me, a world without reading resources would be a world void of something very precious. Each of us comes into this world with a mind in need of mental nourishment, just as our bodies need food. Imagine what your life or mine would be if we

were not given the opportunity to read.

Reading is the basic key to all educational pursuits. It also can be a genuinely entertaining pastime and one which can dispel loneliness, gloom, and even sorrow.

We are blessed in Mississippi with a system of public libraries which are to be found in all but one county in the state. These public libraries offer—free of charge—to each of us the opportunity to further our education through the informal study of any subject in which we are interested—

be it mechanics, music, sailing or salesmanship.

Our libraries contain the best thoughts of the most outstanding people of all time. They contain biographies of everyone from the disciples to Lyndon Johnson. They are filled with simple picture stories and easy-to-read books as well as scientific data and research materials. There are records, and sometimes art reproductions. Many public libraries have "large print" books for older people or those with limited vision. The public library has something for

everyone—and it is free. Our taxes support our public library. Every citizen of the community is entitled to use it and getting a library card is easy. If the big stacks of books confuse you, the librarian will be happy to help you find the book you want.

Our public libraries are institutions for continuing education. We spend just a few years in formal schooling; the knowledge we obtain in the next fifty years must come from reading. The public library is the storehouse for that knowledge.

In this fast paced world in which

yesterday's headlines are history, when the science books are out-of-date before they come off the presses, when industrial advances are being made so rapidly that within ten years 70% of our factories will be making products not yet invented, we must read if we are to keep abreast of the times.

National Library Week is April 12-18. Let us all take this opportunity to give thanks for the educational opportunities offered to us. Let us all visit our public library and, by using it regularly, become richer, more fulfilled people.

## No Limit To Possibilities Of Church Library Services

By J. B. Howell  
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and  
President  
Mississippi Library Association

Although libraries as such are not once mentioned in any version of the Bible, the writer of Ecclesiastes declares that "Of the making of many books there is no end." This sentiment easily finds current subscription when one faces the statistical fact that more than 31,000 titles were issued by American book publishers in 1969. It is encouraged to note, however, that the astounding increase in publication during recent

years has been accompanied by a tremendous expansion of both general and specialized library service. In no area has this expansion been more significant than in the organization and development of church libraries.

Historically, there has been a strong tie between religious institutions and libraries, an affiliation which began with the earliest known repositories for reading. Pagan as they were, the temples of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and later Greece served as the "sacred" libraries of antiquity. And bridging the cultural gap between the ancient and the modern world were the obscure monastic libraries of the Middle Ages in which the literary

remnants of the classical era were collected, copied and preserved. It is only in this century, however, that religious groups have recognized the vast potential of a ministry through books.

Practically every Protestant denomination provides some type of church library service, through which it attempts to meet the reading needs of its constituency. The needs themselves may vary considerably among the different church groups, but ordinarily they require books in one or more of the following categories: Biblical interpretation, primarily for pastor and teachers; background and program materials for educational organizations; devotional literature on all age levels; reference resources in general and religious areas; and selective recreational reading, particularly for children. Open at hours when church members assemble, these libraries are now generally regarded as an integral part of the total program of the church. In no area, with the possible exception of the children's book collection, do the church libraries duplicate to any extent the resources or services of the local public library.

Above the level of the local church, several denominations have organized special agencies to assist in the development of church library programs. From its headquarters in Nashville, where a sizable library collection is maintained, the General Board of the Methodist Church publishes the *Church Library Newsletter*, a quarterly journal devoted to book reviews and suggestions for promotional activities. Parish library lists as well as Seabury Press notices are distributed regularly by the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States. A similar program is now underway in the Atlanta office of the General Council of the Presbyterian church.

Perhaps the most rapid advance in church library service, however, has been made by Southern Baptists, who proudly claim that a new library has been born every day since 1943. "One a day" is, of course, an average figure, but at the present time there are more than 18,600 church libraries in the fifty-state territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Available for assistance in establishing new libraries are the field workers provided by the Church Library Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. This division also publishes the quarterly *Church Library Magazine* and sponsors short courses for church librarians each summer at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and Glorieta, New Mexico. A number of state Baptist assemblies now conduct workshops for the training of a steadily increasing number of church library recruits.

In the light of what has already been accomplished and what remains to be done, a modern ecclesiastical might optimistically observe: Of the possibilities of church library service, these seems to be no limit.

### Missing Missionary Found - -

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nesday morning that Kirkendall was missing.

Ragland said Kirkendall was last seen en route to a police station, where he intended to have some changes made to his passport.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Kirkendall called their daughter Ann, a college student in Shawnee, Okla., to say that Kirkendall was safe and would be released by the guerrilla group.

The 47-year-old Kirkendall, native of Birch Tree, Mo., was pastor of the Moline Baptist Church in St. Louis before his missionary appointment to Lebanon in December, 1962.

In recent months he has conducted

### Christian Child Care - -

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the effectiveness of any mission to the home.

Thus, a time-honored work with children has transformed and diversified its program to meet the challenge which today's selfishness of sin represents to children, families and homes.

Recognizing that a full-service ministry of Christian child care can supply the most critical needs of private homes; recognizing that homes and families are being shaken today as never before by the pressures of a selfish and sinful society; Mississippi Baptist Convention has sanctioned Christian Home Week, culminated by Mother's Day as the period for an annual emphasis upon child care and the operating needs of The Baptist Children's Village.

Convention authorities are joining Village Trustees and Administration in urging that the week of May 3-10, 1970—Christian Home Week—be reserved in every Mississippi Baptist church as a week of special prayer and emphasis for The Village and its needs.

Mother's Day, May 10, has been suggested as the appropriate time for every church to observe a special offering for Village children. The Baptist Children's Village depends upon designated giving for approximately 70% of its minimum, budgeted operating needs.

### All Churches Urged To

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great athletes and entertainers of the world, know not even one Southern Baptist missionary by name, where he labors, nor the heart-breaking burdens which he carries in an attempt to help all of us to carry out our Lord's great commission.

"Cooperative Program Day is an opportunity to begin correcting this situation. Let every Baptist be an informed Baptist about Baptist missions."

Dr. Hudgins added that "through the Cooperative Program we support our seminaries, the work of home missions, the efforts of 2600 missionaries on stations outside the nation, and many other efforts to extend and strengthen God's Kingdom."

"I fervently pray and hopefully trust that on Cooperative Program Day our churches will feel led to undergird our mission ministry with increased prayer and financial support."

"I know we have some trends that concern us, but I rejoice in the great major thrusts of our combined effort; bring Christ to the many who do not know Him. For these great objectives I urge your support and ask for your prayers."

Several heads of agencies throughout the convention add their commendations of the Cooperative Program and the observance of the special day. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said that "The Foreign Mission Board is grateful for financial undergirding through the Cooperative Program. Sustained advance requires an increase in operating funds of \$2,000,000 annually."

"The Board believes that Southern Baptists deeply desire to honor the Lord by pressing forward with wider and more effective worldwide witness in the forthcoming decade, which is filled with both opportunity and peril."

"Through the providence of God it has been possible for the last several years to use for foreign mission work approximately 50 percent of the Cooperative Program funds available to the Southern Baptist Convention. This reflects the deep missionary concern of Southern Baptists."

Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, declared:

"If the gospel is to be carried to places and people beyond our personal reach then someone must do the carrying."

"Some of this is being done in our day by radio and TV and by the printed page. But there is no substitute for the living person, going in love to share the gospel with those who do not know Christ."

"How shall the missionary go unless he is sent? How are the expenses to be met while he gives his time to communicating Christ to the lost?"

"The answer is that we must find a way of supporting those whom God calls from our midst to go as heralds of the gospel."

an unusual itinerant ministry among U. S. citizens living in places in the Middle East where there are no Southern Baptist missionaries or churches. Sometimes called a "jet-rider circuit rider," Kirkendall's ministry takes him throughout the Persian Gulf area to visit Baptist families, most of whom are associated with American oil companies.

Prior to assuming this ministry last September Kirkendall was pastor of English-speaking University Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Mr. Kirkendall is well known in Mississippi where he served as pastor of several churches, including Beacon Street Church in Philadelphia.

### Two Professors - -

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Richmond, submitted his resignation in early 1970. In early April he said he would also leave the Convention.

In response to the Smith announcement, Dr. Criswell said he expected an exodus of "liberals" from Southern Baptist ranks. "My observation," he said, "has been that those liberals finally drift out into nothing. They don't go to church, they don't believe anything—they just drift out into some kind of spiritual limbo."

The Richmond developments are the latest in a controversy involving Dr. Criswell, pastor of Dallas First Baptist church, and a group of largely younger professors in the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Disagreement came into the open in early 1969 when the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board published a Criswell book which supported the verbal inspiration of the Bible and its literal meaning.

The Association of Baptist Professors of Religion adopted a resolution deploring the promotion given the book. . . . The Sunday School agency advised that every Sunday school teacher should read it. The association's action did not attack Dr. Criswell directly.

A rather widespread controversy developed. Younger churchmen, particularly from Virginia and North Carolina, decided to protest criticism of them by putting up a candidate to oppose Dr. Criswell when he stood for reelection last June.

Dr. Smith was then candidate and he was handily defeated. Smith supporters noted that they did not expect to win but felt Southern Baptists should be given a chance to vote for someone besides Dr. Criswell.

Matters cooled down until last Fall when Dr. Criswell outlined beliefs he felt Baptists must have and suggested that those disagreeing should find another Church.

Then a second book, "Look Up, Brother" was seen by non-Criswell men as containing personal attacks on individuals who hold differing theological views.

It was in light of this history that Dr. Smith decided to leave the Convention. The professor supports the historical-critical approach to biblical study.

Dr. Tarver said, in a letter to Dr. Criswell, that "ironically, I also disagree with much of what Dr. Smith believes, but at this point my membership (in the Southern Baptist denomination) becomes a matter of conscience as a conservative."

Involved in the whole issue is a Baptist confession of faith, first adopted in 1925 and reaffirmed, with few changes, in 1963. Opponents of Dr. Criswell's views say the SBC president treats the confession as a credal statement which must be interpreted only as he sees it.

Dr. Criswell denies this charge, saying, "There are some things that make a Baptist a Baptist and if you don't believe them you ought to leave."

One Richmond observer said Dr. Smith felt that most Southern Baptists agreed with the president, whose second term expires this Summer. He is not eligible for re-election.

### Price Correction

In last week's issue of the Record we carried a review of some new materials for use in teaching concerning drugs, smoking and drinking of liquor. We find now that our prices were not all correct, since the DIAL-A-DRUG wheel is \$1.95 instead of the \$1.00 which is the price of the BUTTON BOOKS. The company also has prepared larger "wheels" on drugs and other objects such as a MECHANICAL SMOKER, TEACHING SPECIMENS, etc. An attractive booklet describing all of the available materials may be secured by writing SPENCO CORPORATION, Box 6322, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106.



Cadets Staff A Sunday School

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Cadet Chet Richardson finds his Sunday School class eager and willing. Cadet Richardson is one of 177 cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point who every Sunday morning put aside the "rugged business" of learning to become army officers to become Sunday School teachers. The school is part of the Christian education program for children of civilian and military personnel at the Point. Between 600 and 700 children are enrolled.—RNS PHOTO

## Proposed Order of Business, Denver

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- 9:15 Music for Inspiration  
9:30 Invocation  
Executive Committee Report and Recommendations—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee  
10:30 Worship  
Scripture and Prayer  
Congregational Singing  
10:40 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers  
Message: Sir Cyril Black, London, England; member of Parliament; president, British Baptist Union  
10:55 Election of Officers  
11:25 Projecting the Program of the Seventies—Executive Committee, Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

- 12:15 Congregational Singing  
12:20 Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions  
1:00 Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon, June 2

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration  
9:30 Invocation  
Election of Officers  
Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions  
3:15 Receiving of Agency Reports as printed in the Book of Reports:

General Board:  
Foreign Mission Board  
Home Mission Board  
Sunday School Board  
Annuity Board

Institutions:  
Golden Gate Seminary  
Midwestern Seminary  
New Orleans Seminary  
Southeastern Seminary  
Southern Seminary  
Southwestern Seminary  
Seminary Extension Department  
Southern Baptist Foundation  
Southern Baptist Hospitals

Commissions:  
American Baptist Seminary Commission  
Brotherhood Commission  
Christian Life Commission  
Education Commission  
Historical Commission  
Radio and Television Commission  
Stewardship Commission

Standing Committees:  
Denominational Calendar  
Public Affairs Committee

Special Committees Reporting 1970:  
Baptist State Papers  
Canadian Baptist Cooperation

Associated Organizations:  
Woman's Mission Union

- 3:25 Scripture and Prayer—Fred L. Fisher, professor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California

- 3:35 Consideration of Agency Recommendations  
Election of Officers  
Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions

- Tuesday Evening, June 2  
Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Fellowship"  
7:15 Music for Inspiration  
7:30 Scripture and Prayer—J. Leo Green, professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina  
The Demonstration Serving the Local Churches 8:45 Worship  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer—R. Archie Ellis, deputy director, South Carolina Department of Public Welfare, Columbia, South Carolina  
Special Music  
Convention Sermon—Grady C. Cothen, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
9:30 Benediction

- Wednesday Morning, June 3  
Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Ministry"  
9:15 Music for Inspiration  
9:30 Invocation  
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)  
10:10 Committee on Committees  
10:05 Committee on Boards  
10:10 Worship  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer—Jesse Northcut, dean, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas  
10:20 Election of Officers  
10:35 The Seminaries Serving the Churches  
11:35 Congregational Singing  
Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous Business  
12:45 Benediction

- Wednesday Afternoon, June 3  
No Convention Session  
Wednesday Evening, June 3  
Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Witness"  
7:15 Music for Inspiration  
7:30 Invocation  
WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS  
9:30 Benediction

- Thursday Morning, June 4  
Session Theme: "The Christ Life—A Blessed Challenge"  
9:15 Music for Inspiration  
9:30 Invocation  
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)  
10:35 Worship  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer—J. Hardee Kennedy, professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana  
10:45 Cooperative Relationships—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee  
American Bible Society  
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs  
Baptist World Alliance  
American Baptist Theological Seminary  
11:00 Miscellaneous Business  
11:30 Baptists Facing the Contemporary Scene and the Challenge of Tomorrow  
Message—Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina  
12:45 Benediction



# ... Shortcomings In Prayer Amendment

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and Bible reading in public schools did.

The Supreme Court did not rule on the right of persons to pray but rather restricted the powers of government in directing the prayers and meditations of school pupils.

The Supreme Court held that public schools may not sponsor religious exercises regardless of their voluntary nature and regardless of whether the exercises include state-written, non-sectarian prayers or scriptural prayer and Bible reading.

2. It is not a corrective of the alleged Supreme Court rulings about school prayers.

The Supreme Court ruled against the public schools. It did not rule "an establishment of religion" in the public schools. It did not rule on "free exercise of religion" on the part of school pupils or of school officials.

The Scott Amendment does not achieve anything that is not already covered in the "free exercise" clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution. The first amendment continues to be adequate to protect "voluntary" prayers and the "free exercise" of religion on the part of school children.

3. It continues to make a political, partisan football out of the sacredness of prayer.

To be for God, Mother and the flag is always a popular political strategy. For a politician to appear to be against these is unthinkable. This makes it most difficult for those who choose to stand on the solid ground of basic principles in the school prayer controversy.

Championing children's prayers and certain elements of our heritage is popular. Forcing opponents to appear to oppose children's prayers and cherished past practices is politically useful. Since the constitution makes the amending process more or less a part of the regular political process of the nation, such political use of that process is inevitable.

Nevertheless, it should be objectionable to religious people for politicians to seek to make "political hay" out of the religious expressions of little children.

uate psychology courses from L.S.U. and Peabody. He holds membership in the Mississippi and Forrest County Associations for Mental Health, the American Academy of Religion, the Southern Society for Philosophy of Religion, and other professional groups. He is listed in *Who's Who in the South and Southeast* and *Who's Who in American Education*.

Since leaving the pastorate in Magnolia to come to Carey, Dr. Smith has served as interim pastor or guest minister in over a hundred churches in the Hattiesburg area. He considers the counseling service as an extension of his ministry to those who care to share their problems with him, since there is no other comparable service in the area.

In addition to the above defects, the proposed constitutional prayer amendment raises a number of specific problems. Among them are the following:

1. The proposal injects the problem of limitation to public schools and public buildings.

Would the phrase, "in any public school or other public building," possibly erode the present rights in other public places? That is, does the inclusion of one thing mean the exclusion of another? For some legal purposes it does.

2. The problem of "lawful assembly" is introduced in the context of free religious practice. The ramifications of this provision and restriction could be endless.

3. The proposal limits a person's rights to "non-denominational prayer, or meditation."

Would this mean that if a group of Baptist students got together at lunch in a public school to pray, the location of their prayer would determine that it had to be "non-denominational"? What about the theology and prayer convictions of other groups who pray in certain specific ways? Would their "voluntary" prayers be ruled out?

Conclusion: Although the "Scott Amendment" is relatively harmless, compared to other proposed constitutional prayer amendments, it does not solve the problem of praying in public schools. Neither does it add anything to the constitutional provisions for religious liberty now embodied in the first amendment as interpreted by the Supreme Court. There is no need at this time for a constitutional prayer amendment.

## BR Receives Award

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Editor Odle was in Chicago for the presentation, which was made at the Annual Awards Dinner of the press association.

This is the sixth national award which the Record has received in the past seven years. Four of these were merit awards, and two, received in 1963, were "Honorable Mention" certificates.

All of the awards have come from Associated Church Press except one, which was from the Evangelical Press Association. This latter recognition was for the editorial, "Smoke Over Mississippi," which also received a first place award the same year from Associated Church Press.

Associated Church Press is the largest religious press association in America, and includes in its membership almost all of the major general religious publications in America, and many of the smaller ones.

Evangelical Press Association is a similar organization, but includes in its membership only evangelical publications, including many Sunday



Dr. John B. Falconer, pastor of the historic Providence Baptist Church (background) in Monrovia, Liberia, posed in 1965 with Southern Baptist Missionary Margaret Fairburn. (BP) Photo by Gerald S. Harvey.

## Mississippian

### Baptist Leader In Liberia, Dr. John B. Falconer Dies

RICHMOND (BP) — John B. Falconer, pastor of Liberia's historic Providence Baptist Church and a native of Mississippi, died April 5 in Greenville, Liberia, while attending a Baptist meeting.

Falconer, in Greenville for the annual meeting of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, was a guest in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Oren C. Robinson Jr. He died in his sleep.

He has been a leader in Liberian Baptist work for almost a quarter of a century. Pastor of Providence Church, Monrovia, since 1962, he was also a missionary of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., for 19 years.

Providence, the oldest and largest Baptist church in Liberia — it is 25 years older than the Liberian republic itself — has its roots in the U. S.

School papers and similar publications.

The Baptist Record has been a member of both organizations for many years.

This year's ACP meeting was held in connection with the Religious Communication Congress, which met in Chicago April 8-10. The press association meeting was held on the 7th, and then adjourned so that its members could participate in the Congress sessions. The Southern Baptist Public Relations Association, also held its meeting prior to the congress.

It was organized in 1821 by a group of freed slaves meeting in First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. That year the full membership of the newly constituted church sailed across the Atlantic and planted itself on west Africa soil.

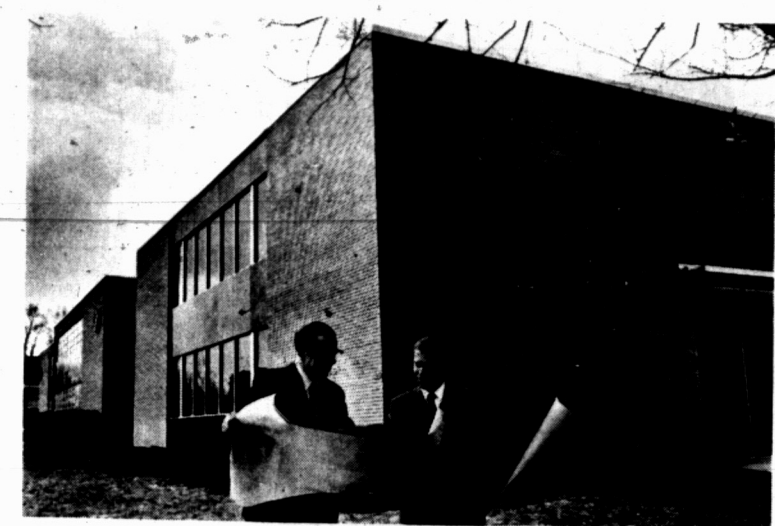
Falconer was born in Shubuta, Miss., "near Pachuta," as he was fond of saying by way of explanation. He attended Prentice (Miss.) Normal Industrial Institute; after teaching for two years in a rural Mississippi school, he entered Lincoln University, near Oxford, Pa., graduating in 1939.

Returning to Prentice, he became pastor of First Baptist Church there and religious education director at the institute.

He first went to Liberia in 1943 as a chaplain in the U. S. Army. This was his introduction to foreign mission work there. When he returned to the states he was appointed by the Baptist Board of Christian Education to supervise their west African work. In 1946 he went back to Liberia to live there the rest of his life.

After assuming the pastorate of Providence church he retained his connections with the National Baptist Mission Board until 1964.

Among Falconer's survivors are his widow, the former Ann Siles of Savannah, Ga., and their two married daughters, who live in the States. Burial was April 16 in Liberia. It was the wish of the family that he be buried in that country.



FINAL CHECK—Two Brotherhood Commission leaders examine blue prints of a new operations wing following its completion. They are George Schroeder (left), executive secretary, and Norman Godfrey, assistant to the executive secretary. The two-story addition will be used to supply Southern Baptists with curriculum materials—Staff Photo by Robert Weeks.

## New Operations Building Opened By Baptist Agency

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A new two-story operations building designed to supply Southern Baptist churches curriculum materials for men and boys during the 1970s was opened by the Brotherhood Commission here.

The building, containing 12,000 square feet, was erected on the east side of the present Brotherhood Commission building and connected at the second-floor level.

Built of Roman brick and granite, the operations building harmonizes in appearance with other existing buildings, said George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

Cost of the operations building was \$157,000, of which \$125,000 was made available by Southern Baptists through a capital needs allocation.

The operations building contains the Supporting Services Division of the Brotherhood Commission, responsible for all phases of a merchandising program, including warehousing, filling orders and billing.

The Brotherhood Commission began using the new facility immediately to store new leadership and advancement manuals developed for Baptist men and boys, Schroeder said.

Maximum use of the building will occur this summer when the Brotherhood Commission begins mailing seven magazines for use by Baptist men and boys this fall, Schroeder said.

With an annual operating budget of \$629,000 and a staff of 60 persons, the Brotherhood Commission provides a mission education program for 430,000 men and boys in almost 15,000 Southern Baptist churches.

## Dr. B. F. Smith, Carey, Opens Week-End Counseling Service

Dr. B. F. Smith, professor at William Carey College, is opening a week-end counseling service at his residence, 504 Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg. He hopes to aid people of any age in the areas of marriage and the family, education, religion, finance, or other interpersonal relations, who do not require the help of a physician, attorney, or psychiatrist. He will make referrals where indicated.

He recently earned a certificate in counseling from the Bradley Center of Columbus, Georgia, through its extension teaching center at East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian. This entitles him to use the consultative resources and materials available through the hospital. Earlier he had studied for six months with Eugene Dyess at the Religious Counseling Cen-

ter, Jackson, in psychological testing and group therapy. Mrs. Smith, a former college biology instructor made both these studies with him and will collaborate with him when a person desires it. There will be a modest charge for the services, but none will be denied counseling for lack of funds.

Dr. Smith is in his twenty-third year as professor of religion and philosophy and the social sciences at Carey, and will continue his full-time teaching duties. He has served as chairman of both these departments and has counseled with hundreds of students and their parents. A graduate of Louisiana College, he also holds the M.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi and the Th.M. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has taken grad-

## David Gomes, Brazilian Pastor And Radio Preacher, To Visit The U. S.

Rev. David Gomes, Baptist pastor and leader in Brazil, will be in the United States from May 31 to June 8, before participating in the Foreign Mission Board's Orient Preaching Mission, and attending the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo. Mr. Gomes is a very close friend of Mrs. Rosette Mills Appleby in Canton, and has visited Mississippi on numerous occasions. He will be available for some speaking dates while in the States and has left the question of his schedule for the week in Mississippi with Mr. Owen Cooper. If you should like to have him in your church, it is suggested that you contact Mr. Cooper at Yazoo City, Miss.

As a man dedicated to the Lord, Mr. Gomes has had some remarkable experiences. The following material is a brief and very much condensed story of his life:

The last days of December, 1919 were ones of hardship, and great anticipation, for the family of railroad man Joseph Gomes, in Itauna, Brazil. Levi, a strong healthy boy had recently died of diphtheria. Christmas was going to be a sad time. Mr. Gomes had to leave for work 175 miles away. Mrs. Gomes was expecting another child, her eleventh, and the family members were all eager for the new arrival.

At noon on December 23, 1919, the child, David Gomes, was born.

It was not until April of 1962 that David Gomes learned that his mother had dedicated him to the Lord even before his birth. It was then that the elderly pastor, Rev. Florentino Ferreira, told him of the time before his birth: "You can say as Jeremiah or as Paul that you belonged to God and His cause before you were born. Your family at that time had recently become Christians and the Catholics were persecuting them. The family was suffering hardships because of the decision they had made. Your

mother was expecting her eleventh child, but her faith in the Lord had not weakened. When I visited her, she said, 'Brother Florentino, pray for me, as I want with all my heart that this child might be used by God to bring light and salvation to the lost people in this country.'

David was reared in a very poor home, for the family was large and the father's salary was small. Everyone in the family worked. Sundays were always special, for they would put on their best clothes and go to church.

Soon after David started to grade school, they moved sixty miles away to Belo Horizonte, the capital of the state of Minas Gerais. His father was transferred there to be in charge of a warehouse.

David enrolled in the Melo Viana Grade School in Belo Horizonte. Each Thursday the Catholic priest came to teach catechism. The non-Catholics were not required to attend and were permitted to leave the room. David was surprised to discover that he was the only person in the group who wasn't a Catholic.

Every day before he left for school his mother would have prayer with him. She would say, "The world is big, my son, and we can't face it without God." His mother wanted him to go to high school, and he wanted to be a medical doctor, but did not know how he could finance an education. Then as he was finishing grade school, his mother became very ill, and soon died.

After his mother's death, he laid aside plans for study, as his dad gave him the responsibility of cleaning the house each day and preparing the noon-day meal. At night he worked in a newspaper office.

The first time he felt a need of Christ was when he heard one of his sisters talking to their oldest brother about his urgent need to be saved.

On Sunday, January 26, 1931, Missionary O. P. Maddox was preaching and David made his decision to accept Christ as his Saviour. On June 19, 1935, in the Barro Preto Baptist Church, Missionary L. M. Bratcher preached. Twenty-five young people felt the call to missions, and David was one of the 25. Each had many personal problems or stumbling blocks, difficulties so great, in fact, that only two are in the ministry today, and David Gomes is one of the two.

After David's decision to enter the ministry, the problem of education again arose. Dr. and Mrs. Maddox arranged for a deacon in First Baptist Church, Belo Horizonte, to pay his expenses of study the rest of that year. Miss Ray Buster, Southern Baptist missionary, offered to pay tuition for the first year of high school, and she arranged for persons in Clovis, New Mexico, to help with expenses. To pay for the rest of his education in high school, he secured a job as janitor and disciplinarian at the school.

Invited to preach in the Vila Bicalho section of Belo Horizonte, soon after his call to the ministry, he spent a whole week preparing his sermon. After the sermon he asked the pastor what he thought of the message. "You will learn," was the reply. "You spoke five minutes, but your sermon was good."

In 1938 he was elected president of the Young People's Training Union. At first, he wanted to refuse, for he thought he didn't know how to preside. Friends convinced him he would be losing a great privilege if he refused. He says, "I accepted it and promised myself I would never turn down a responsibility offered me. I have fulfilled that promise."

When Dr. Frank Leavell of Oxford, Miss., visited Brazil in 1939, he organized a BSU at the Baptist school in Belo Horizonte. David was elected BSU president; Mrs. Rosalee Apple-

by, missionary, was elected counselor. They together organized a mission in one of the Baptist School buildings. David preached and Mrs. Appleby visited. The children loved David and came to Sunday school with enthusiasm. Many souls were won, and soon the Floresta Baptist Church was organized from that preaching point directed by Baptist students.

When David preached for one month in the interior of Minas Gerais, more than 500 people accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

The young man studied at the Baptist seminary in Rio, and worked, while a student, at the Baptist Publishing House. In 1944 he was called as co-pastor of the Thomas Coelho Church in Rio. He graduated from seminary that year, and was ordained to the ministry December 1, 1944. His salary at this first pastorate was 200 cruzeiros, or 45 cents per month!

The first girl in whom he was seriously interested was "tall, blonde, blue-eyed, educated, and rich," but she was a Catholic. She was a government teacher and came from an educated, cultured family of Italian background. He tried to win her to Christ, but she refused to examine the Bible.

After much prayer, seeking the Lord's will in the matter, and after listening to the wise counsel of Mrs. Appleby and others, he decided to stop seeing this girl.

On November 24, 1944, at a farewell party for seminary graduates, he met Haydee Suman. They learned that both would be speaking in graduation exercises, for she was valedictorian of her class at Baptist Girls' School, Rio, and he was valedictorian of his class at the seminary. By December 23, they were engaged, and on the following August 11 they were married in Curitiba, Parana.

Haydee Suman had been converted at 17 through the influence of the

missionary, Mrs. A. Ben Oliver. Her parents were of Italian descent. Several of her family were Presbyterians, but she was the only Baptist in her family. David says, "Though we did not have a fancy wedding, we did have 24 dozen lilies as a gift from friends of First Baptist Church in Curitiba."

They have five lovely daughters and one son. The two older girls are students in the Baptist Seminary, and all are radiant Christians. It is a family where there is much love and joy.

When Mr. Gomes came to the United States to study at Southwestern Seminary, women in Yazoo County, Miss. arranged for a scholarship, and Dr. E. H. Head, then president of Southwestern, arranged for a job for him at the seminary.

The war was on and it was difficult to get travel tickets. A sudden cancellation made a stateroom available on the Delta Line, for the next day. David and his wife had only 10,000 cruzeiros and no time to borrow more. God answered their prayers, for the ship was a cargo ship, and the passage cost 10,000 cruzeiros.

While enroute to the States, he asked the Lord for three things. He wanted to speak in the church of George Truett, to speak in chapel at the seminary, and to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention. For him, all of these wishes came true.

In February, 1948, he assumed the pastorate of the Tijuca Church, Rio de Janeiro. January 1, 1953, the church began a five-minute program on a small radio station, one time a week. At first, a short commentary was given on the Sunday school lesson. Letters of approval came. One persons sent five cruzeiros. The program was soon lengthened to ten minutes.

Then someone said, "Our radio program will be like a school." One said, "Let's call it the Bible School

of the Air." Today, 21 years later, this program reaches 25,000 students in all parts of Brazil on at least two shortwave stations and one 50,000 watt station. Besides the national program, the Bible School of the Air every day has other programs on local stations, and also has correspondence courses in Bible. Through this radio program, David Gomes' name became well-known throughout Brazil.

In June, 1954, Gomes was elected the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, following the death of Missionary L. M. Bratcher, who has served for 25 years in that capacity.

Mr. Gomes spoke at the International Youth Congress in Rio in 1943, and at Toronto, Canada, in 1957. When the Baptist World Alliance met in 1960 in Rio, he was asked to be in charge of the Publicity Committee. He realized the wonderful opportunity of service. His first desire was that the Brazilian people would know more about the Alliance than they would read in the newspapers, so he asked leave of absence from the Board to give full time to this work.

Two years ago he resigned from the Home Mission Board, and since then has dedicated himself to the radio work, and has also built up a church, the Baptist Church of Hope, in the heart of downtown Rio de Janeiro. The church has an extensive program to draw the public: a daily noon service, regular church services, prayer meetings, and other features. It is the only Baptist church in the downtown area.

David Gomes' favorite Bible verse is Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He says, "I can honestly say that many years ago I decided to give my all to God to serve Him without reserve. God has honored His promises."



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A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**

—Wilda Fancher—

*I'm With Mary*

I'm with Mary—  
the Mary of the ointment.  
Beauty is for beholding  
and  
Ointment is for anointing.

Her beauty is in the eyes of the beholder,  
then  
Anointing is in the heart of the anointer.

I'm with Mary — the anointer.  
Just to sit at Jesus' feet was not enough  
For her bursting heart of love.

To learn His teachings,  
To hear His preachings,  
To watch His healings,  
None was enough.

I'm with Mary — the receiver.  
She received. She must give.  
That's the way her heart felt.

Now, what would such a heart's gift be?  
Not a cloak nor a sandal-pair.  
These would be Martha's gift;  
but  
Mary's was precious ointment,  
Poured on Jesus' feet,  
Dried with her hair.

I'm sure she breathed that sweet smell all the days that she lived.  
Jesus was anointed forever, for Mary.

I'm with Mary — of the bursting heart of love.  
My heart loves, too.

I have learned His teachings,  
I have believed His preachings,  
I have felt His healings,  
None is enough.

I'm with Mary — the receiver.  
I have received.  
I must give.  
That's the way my heart feels.  
Now, what will my gift be?  
Chanel No. 5?  
If I could pour it on His feet  
And dry them with my hair, I would.  
I think I would.

Surely I would,

Wouldn't I?

Of course.

But  
Would I?

I'm with Mary — the anointer.  
Or am I?

**Cooperative Program Sunday**

Next Sunday has been designated as Cooperative Program Sunday on the Southern Baptist denominational calendar.

An article elsewhere in this week's Record calls attention to this emphasis, and presents statements of Dr. Huggins, Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, and John Alexander, Director of Stewardship for the Convention Board, relative to the day. Churches everywhere will do well to observe the day.

The Cooperative Program is the denominational budget of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists. Through it, individual Southern Baptists can, with one gift, support everything that their churches, their state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention, are doing in missions, education, and benevolence.

No individual in the convention could, by himself, support the whole program of Southern Baptists. That program involves thousands of missionaries, hundreds of institutions and agencies, and a vast witness through

tens of thousands of churches.

For example, the Foreign Mission Board supports more than 2,500 missionaries in about 70 foreign lands. This includes churches and missions, hospitals, schools, printing houses, book stores, and many other types of missionary work. All of it has its one central purpose: the proclamation of the gospel of Christ in order that men might be redeemed. No individual could possibly support, or maintain such a program. But millions of Southern Baptists, supporting the Cooperative Program through their tithes and offerings, can together provide it. Moreover, each individual has a part in all of the vast effort.

The Cooperative Program is not sacred, and Southern Baptists do not worship it. But it is a program that works, and that has been blessed of God, so Southern Baptists can support it, pray for the agencies included in it, and love the work it encompasses. Until God gives us something better, Southern Baptists will continue to use it as the basis of support of the work.

**Break That Chain!**

Chain letters are in the mails again. People are receiving them with the promise that if the chain is not "broken" they may receive thousands of dollars as a "capital" fund.

We have received inquiries concerning these letters from two sources in Mississippi. In each case attention was called to the fact that a Baptist preacher's name was on the letter. We presume that these preachers were lured into the scheme by the promise of money, and what preacher could not use more money?

However, these letters are unlawful under postal laws and regulations, and Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has ordered "a nationwide crackdown on those who conduct the scheme through the mails." An inquiry at the Jackson postoffice brought the information that "Chain letters are regarded as nonmailable under the postal lot-

tery and fraud laws. They are considered to be fraudulent because of the unlikelihood the chain will remain unbroken and the participant will reap anything from his participation. . . . when and if anyone actually profits from chain letters, it is only those who are in on the ground floor."

Chief Postal Inspector William J. Cotter states that such letters have not been approved for mailing, and urges that recipients of all chain letters "turn them over promptly to local postmasters or postal inspectors to avoid possible criminal involvement in the scheme and to assist the Post Office in its efforts to protect the public from this illegal activity."

We think these rulings are very clear. If you receive such a letter, break the chain immediately, and turn the letter over to your postmaster. Furthermore, let preachers and all other Christians, see to it that their names do not get on these letters!

**MY LORD SPEAKS** by Stephen Benko (Judson Press, \$2.50, paperback, 128 pp.).

The author calls attention to the historical background of the events surrounding Good Friday and the preaching values is heret in each of the seven words spoken from the cross.

**GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU** by Herbert J. Taylor, with Robert Walker (Good News Publishers, 64 pp., paperback, 50 cents).

Mr. Walker was originator of the Four-Way Test in business ethics: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? He says to young people: "God has given you certain talents. 'When you recognize what has been given you, you will know what you can give the world, and you will know the path to true happiness."

**THE EARLY CHURCH SPEAKS TO US** by H. S. Vigevano (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 95 cents, 166 pp.).

Daily devotions and Bible studies. The author shows the tremendous relevance of first century events for twentieth century living.

**WHAT ON EARTH'S GOING TO HAPPEN?** by Ray C. Stedman (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 203 pp., 95 cents).

Mr. Stedman has turned to Jesus' words from the New Testament for answers to questions, such as: Does this continuous sequence of wars mean the end of the world is near? Will God step in soon and put a stop to it all? The writer presents from the Greek text what he believes is the meaning of the Olivet discourse — Jesus' message about the end times.

**LETTERS FROM A. C. O. FROM PRISON** by Timothy W. L. Zimmer (Judson, 128 pp., paper \$2.50).

A young man who as a conscientious objector, refused to be inducted into the armed forces of the United States, and as a result was sentenced to the federal youth center at Ashland, Kentucky for three years, publishes letters that he wrote while in prison. They express the reasons for his actions and will help bring an understanding of why some young men do what they do in this matter.

**PRIVILEGE AND BURDEN** by Robert G. Middleton (Judson, 157 pp., \$4.95).

The subtitle is "A long hard look at the pastoral ministry." This pastor is faced with the currents of criticism that swirl around the contemporary church but shows that pastoral ministry still is needed. He takes a hard look at the church and makes a strong case for the local church. He expresses his conviction that the pastoral ministry remains a challenging, difficult, but tremendously worthwhile vocation. Its day is not over.

**THE BIBLE QUIZ BOOK** by Frederick Hall (Baker, 140 pp., paper, \$1.50).

Reprint of a book first published in 1943 under the title "The Family Bible Quiz Book." There are seven sections using many forms of questions concerning various Bible information. This should prove to be an entertaining and helpful book to readers young and old. Answers to all questions are given in a section in the back of the book.

**HOW TO WIN SOULS TODAY** by Jack H. Exum (Revel, 157 pp., \$3.95).

An evangelist writes on modern shallowness in evangelism and calls for a return to spiritual depth. His

is not an easy evangelism program but one which calls for a complete surrender to Christ. While the author evidently was named after N. B. Hardiman, a Church of Christ preacher, we do not see in this book an emphasis on Church of Christ doctrine. He seems to be calling people to a definite commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour.

**THE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T BE STOPPED** by Ethel Barrett (Regal, 138 pp., paper, 69c).

An unusual presentation of the work of the early disciples as revealed mainly in the book of Acts. While this hardly could be called a commentary on the book of Acts, it is in some sense a modern presentation of the glorious story in that book.

**SENSIBLE SEX — A GUIDE FOR NEWLYWEDS** by Lindsey R. Curtis, M. D. (Educational Information Institute, 3107 Polk Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84403).

A Christian physician who has had long years of experience in counselling with and ministering to married people deals with the problem of the personal physical relationship of young married people. The book deals with problems faced by many young married people and should be most helpful in solution of some of life's most mysterious problems. Many of the suggestions come from actual experiences this doctor faced as he sought to help people.

**WHY WAIT 'TILL MARRIAGE** by Evelyn Mills Duvall (Association Press, 128 pp., 75c).

One of the problems facing many young people today is the demand for accepting a new morality in the matter of moral standards, especially concerning sex. This outstanding Christian leader and writer presents clearly and frankly the reasons for premarital chastity. The book is written so it is easily understandable and yet has an appeal for today's youth. This book should help a lot of young people in making the right decisions to keep the purity which God has given them.

**INSPIRING OBJECT LESSONS** by John H. Sargent (Baker, paperback, 112 pp., \$1.50).

The author draws brief lessons from objects and ideas, directing the thoughts of the hearer towards God's great power and love. Good for all age groups.

**SERMONS ON BIBLICAL CHARACTERS** by Clovis G. Chappell (Baker, paperback, \$2.95, 194 pp.).

Eleven sermons on Biblical characters, such as Thomas, Jonathan, Peter, Paul, Naomi, Jothabed, Manasseh.

**LIVING STONES** by George Sweetling (Baker, 93 pp.).

Guidelines for new Christians. This beautifully bound, gift-boxed little book would be an excellent gift to a new church member. It speaks of building the Christian life — When You Decided to Build Anew, What Are You Building?, Progress on the Job, The Chief Architect, The Blueprint, The Key to the Building, the Title Is Yours, Your Neighbors, The Neighborhood, Cost of Living.

**STIMULATING OBJECT TALKS** by Joseph A. Schofield (Baker, paperback, 142 pp., \$1.50).

These talks to Primaries and Juniors are true to the Bible, applicable to life, and in keeping with the children's experience today. Helpful for Sunday school and VBS workers.

**YOUTH MEDITATIONS** by Walter L. Cook (Abingdon, 96 pp., \$2.50).

In these 39 meditations, Mr. Cook relates the problems and experiences of contemporary teen-agers to biblical characters.

**THE BAPTIST FORUM**

**Commends Christian Life Commission Morality Seminar**

Dear Dr. Odle:

Recently it was my privilege to accompany my pastor to the seminar on contemporary morality sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was the first of these seminars I had attended, and I shall do everything I can to be sure it is not the last that I will attend. The events of that meeting provided me with a much needed feeling of home for the Convention and for institutional religion, a feeling which my previous years as a Southern Baptist had almost eradicated.

I was impressed by the honesty and

openness with which men of convictions obviously contrary to the generally accepted historical position of Baptists were received. This demonstration of the working of the Christian spirit was, in itself, most convincing. Moreover, the facility and spirit in which these positions were refuted by Southern Baptist scholars was admirable and winning, not only of intellectual assent but of moral and spiritual conviction.

That such openness in facing the issues which are tearing at the very fabric not only of the church but of our nation is needed almost goes without comment. I found much of help not only personally but for my own contacts with college students. It amply demonstrated that we Baptists are forcefully aware that we are indeed "in the world, but not of the world," that the Gospel is relevant to all of men's needs in all phases of living.

Southern Baptists are fortunate to have leadership which confronts us with the real issues of the day, assists us with our struggles in finding solutions for these problems, and accomplishes all of this within a context of worship at its very highest. Our Christian Life Commission is to be highly commended for showing us how life can be Christian.

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**Put Another Log On The Fire**

By J. P. Allen  
"Put another log on the fire." It's a song title far too old for the young generation to remember.

But we've heard today from a current crop of youngsters who are determined to preserve and improve some of the "old fashioned" virtues. These are kids who have the "future" in their very name. They know that crops do not spring up by accident, and that a calf wins no blue ribbons by neglect. They know the future belongs only to those who prepare for it.

As for their country, their citizenship ideals are a part of that same pattern. They care about what will produce good dividends for America. I'd like to tell you a story.

In the early days of psychological research the scientists ran an experiment with an organutan. The design was to test initiative, creativity. The ape, noted for the highest intelligence next to men, was placed in a large outdoor cage in the wintertime. A fire blazed merrily in one corner of the enclosure. In another corner was a stack of firewood. The animal stood, almost manlike, in the warmth of the fire. What the psychologists were looking for was what he would do when the fuel was burned up! The fire began to die. Yellow flames became red embers, then blue coals on a heap of ashes. The organutan whimpered, drew closer to the warmth, looked apprehensively as though knowing he could not replenish the fire. And he couldn't. With dry wood a few paces away, he lacked the creative intelligence to even put another log on the fire.

Somehow, I think this is a parable of America. The fires of freedom burned brightly in this country when we became masters of its society. We inherited a freedom others kindled and refueled. The framework of that freedom was well defined and there

**ON THE MORAL SCENE**  
CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC.

The talk was all about death in Randolph, Mass. recently. In this quiet manufacturing town 20 miles south of Boston, the cigarette counters were draped in black. Signs proclaimed "support smoke - out." Another read, "Smoking pays: the tobacco company, the hospital, the undertaker." There was a 24-hour moratorium on smoking. The massive anti-smoking campaign was sponsored by the Rotary Club and the senior class at Randolph High School. The brainchild of Arthur P. Mullaney, guidance director at the high school, the goal was a scholarship fund to aid the town's students. Everyone in the community, smokers and nonsmokers alike, were asked to donate the cost of a package of cigarettes. Alfred Hills, 40, owner of Hill's 5-&10 Cent Store, physically threw the store's cigarette machine out the front door. "It's not going back in there, I'll tell you that," said Hill, a smoker. Persons entering his store were asked to sign the following pledge: "I will not smoke on Feb. 18. I believe smoking may be hazardous to my health. I will think of it if I light up a cigarette after Feb. 18." (Nashville Tennessean, 2-19-70)

"Americans are only 6% of the world's population but they devour 35% of its annual production of raw materials. In these terms, says a biologist, 'Each American baby represents 50 times as great a threat to the planet as each Indian baby.'" (Life, 1-9-70)

was sufficient material to replenish the flame.

What, then, if we let the fire burn out?

In the pledge to the flag, we intone "One nation under God." That was indeed the foundation they built. That's what lit the fire. This country had moral fabric, spiritual fiber. They were not ashamed to acknowledge God. Our heritage demands of us the right fuel to keep the flame bright. Future generations will judge us if we let it die!



# Today's Youth

## One Student's Prayer

Oh, Lord of all life,  
even this life of mine,  
grant me foresight to know where I'm going  
grant me insight to know where I am  
grant me faith to know who Thou art  
grant me wisdom to know who I am

teach me patience so I may learn  
teach me courage so I may grow  
teach me humility so I may serve  
teach me Thy love so I may love

help me bear this day  
the cross that I must bear  
help me walk reverently  
on my daily pilgrimage  
help me seek diligently  
to know Thy will for me  
help me die this day  
so you might live in me

Oh Lord,  
my prayer is not for a lighter load  
but for a stronger back  
to live each day, this day, for Thee.

Amen.

—Rusty McIntire

## Itawamba JC Dedicates Baptist Student Building

The Itawamba Junior College Baptist Student Union held open house for their new building on Sunday, March 22. A large crowd toured the new building and were present for the dedication service.

Among those who appeared on the program for the service were, Rev. Victor Clayton; Miss Gladys Bryant, former director; Rev. Ralph Winders, state director of student work; Rev. Horace Thomas; Rev. Fred Chandler; and the following students James Sprayberry, Randy Wood, Don Win-

ters, and Joe Ware, all of Pontotoc. Rev. Ulvie Fitts is director.

April is the month of National Artichoke Week, Harmony Week (to preserve Barbershop Quartets), the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, National Raisin Week, Secretaries Week — and even National Panic Week (seriously devoted to "putting humor into any situation which seems to create unnecessary panic"!)



AT BSU BUILDING DEDICATION—Some of those who attended the dedication service for the Itawamba Junior College Baptist Student Building Dedication Service are pictured: Seated left to right—Miss Gladys Bryant, former director; Margie Hill, a student on program; Randy Wood, music director; James Sprayberry, President; Ulvie Fitts, director. Standing (left to right) Clint Sims, area committee trustee; Rev. Ralph Winders, state director of Baptist Student work; R. F. Robinson, member of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Fred Chancellor, President, area BSU Committee; Rev. Robert Moore, former IJC BSU President; H. W. Holcomb, trustee for BSU Committee; Audie Thomas, father of Tim Thomas, present state BSU President and former IJC BSU President; Don Winter, devotional chairman. All of the above students had a part in the dedication service.—Photo by Rosa Lee



## First, New Augusta — Typical Youth Week

YOUTH WEEK AT First Church, New Augusta, last year was typical of the many Youth Weeks held each spring all over the state. (This picture was chosen as a representative one, and others similar to it cannot be printed, because of limited space.) On March 2, 1969, the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Stringer, presented the keys of First Church, New Augusta, to Jimmy Durham, youth pastor. Mr. Durham, also regular music director, gave the charge to the young people who "operated the church" for one complete week. Above, left to right; Jimmy Durham, Ricky Watkins; Thomas Tolar, Joyce Guinn, Nancy Stringer, Kim Dunnam, Michael Courtney, Rose Lynn Courtney, Sandra Creel, and Larry Martin. Other young people, not pictured, also participated.



## Crystal Springs Youth Choir Goes On Tour With Folk Musical

The Youth Choir, First Church, Crystal Springs, recently made a tour, singing the folk musical "Tell It Like It Is." On Friday, March 20 they went on the church bus, and sang it at the Bayou View Church, Gulfport. The youth director of that church, Mrs. Rosalind Robbins, is a former member of the Crystal Springs Church. She was Rosalind Guynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Guynes. Rev. William Hope is pastor of the Bayou View Church.

On Saturday, the group toured the Gulf Coast, seeing the Hurricane Camille damaged area, then on over to Franklinton, Louisiana, where they sang that evening the folk musical. This church is the home church of the Crystal Springs church's youth director, David Murray, who with his wife, was on the tour. After singing there, and being entertained by the church, the choir motored back to Crystal Springs late Saturday evening.

The director of the choir is Rev. C. Herbert Batson, minister of music of

## TV Commission Counseling Center For Teen-Agers

FORT WORTH — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is fast becoming a counseling center for teenagers throughout the nation. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Commission, said here.

More than 600 teenagers have written the Commission in 1970 alone, about half of them seeking answers to personal problems they would not discuss face to face with parents or any other adult, Stevens said.

The letters are answered by Dr. J. P. Allen, director of audience response, and a handpicked corps of counselors under his supervision.

Behind the Commission's new counseling role, Stevens explained, is "Powerline," the agency's rock music radio program for teenagers.

Celebrating its first anniversary on the air, "Powerline" now is heard on 311 broadcast outlets across the country, Stevens reported. The station list includes many of the leaders among "top 40" type stations—such as WLS, Chicago; WFIL, Philadelphia; WRKO, Boston, and KYA, San Francisco.

Lee Randall, disc jockey on KFJZ, a popular rock station in Fort Worth, is host of the half-hour weekly show and gives it a genuine "top 40" pace and sound.

"Powerline" presents the Gospel indirectly. Opening with the rock music that all youngsters like to hear, it uses comment on song lyrics to relate the Christian message to modern life.

One segment is devoted to problem mail. A question from a listener is read, along with an answer from the "Powerline Problem Panel." Then listeners are invited to write if they have problems of their own.

For months now, they have been responding at the rate of more than 300 letters a month.

Dating problems top the list of things teenagers want help with, Allen says. Trouble in relations with parents is another big category.

But no subject is "out of bounds," he says. Youngsters share their woes about everything from general frustration to contemplating suicide. Some reveal tragic stories of alcoholic parents, premarital pregnancy, experimentation with drugs, or criminal offenses.

## Byhalia Young People Bowl, Skate All Night

Rev. Bill Mosley, pastor, Byhalia Church, reports, "We took 62 young people to Bellevue Church in Memphis for all-night bowling, basketball, and skating, after church services on a recent Friday night."

## Who Announces Spring's Arrival?

By Ruby Singley

When winter starts fading and you search for a sign of spring, what do you look for? Ripples of water on the ground, as the warm sun melts the ice? Gentle breezes that make you forget your coat?

Did the sunshine announce the arrival of spring, writing in a sign-language of shadows that fell across your path? Did the gentle rains, the slow and dreamy kind, lend sunshine a helping hand in convincing you that spring was slipping in?

Did you ask the robins if spring was near? (Birds seem to have a way of interpreting the language of nature. Maybe they listen to their Creator more closely than we.) Robins and spring are a twosome, going hand in hand. Robins and spring are very close kin and play games together, like "I have a little shadow!" Usual-

ly spring is the "little shadow" that follows close behind the first robin.

In your quest for spring, did you observe each tree as you passed to detect a tiny leaf bud that might be bursting at the seams?

The flowering buds have been hiding all winter; when they start peeping out and lifting their sleepy heads, it's because spring has whispered "hello" and wiped the dew from their drowsy eyes.

When the winter's icy winds slammed around your house, you almost wondered if the house corners were still intact. Such a fury of winds, whistling like freight trains going round and round! Then all of a sudden the freight trains have ceased, and even the whistle is gone. In their place, usually at night, you hear a familiar and welcome sound... wild geese flying over! This is like music to the ears. What are the geese saying as they fly over and chant a message on their way northward? They are saying — as plain as can be — "Spring is very near!"

These are "helpers" in bringing the glad tidings that spring is on its way! There is another way of knowing just exactly what day, what hour, and what minute spring arrives! This messenger is dependable and has never failed.

When I was a child, to me, spring was always announced by one single solitary thing... and that was the very first wild violet that showed its pretty head! All other signs of approaching spring were obscured, and dim, and unimportant to me. This first brave little violet, with its face of azure-velvet blue, spoke a language all its own, and one my childish heart understood. Its message was straightforward, honest and sure. This first little violet spoke in a voice that was clear, vibrant, and strong, and needed the aid of absolutely no other creature on the whole countryside! Its announcement is always as accurate and as true as the blue sky above.

With this faithful little token of spring held tenderly in my hand, I'd relay its message: "Spring is here!" I'd gleefully shout! "How do I know?" Pointing to the treasure held lovingly in my hand, "This little violet told me so!"

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Front Row: (Left) Rob Burnham, Tommy Saterfield, David Wilkins, President. Back Row: Sharon Applegate, associate director; Jim Braswell, Bo Kelly, Pat Presley,

Rev. Jimmy Vance, Wayne Fults, Dr. Tom Morrow, Warren Rowe, Ed Abel, Judy Lipscomb, Cheri Schepens, Jerry Merriman, Director, Bobby Scott, June Cooper.

## Mississippi State U. Installs New BSU Council

On Thursday evening, April 2, an installation of the new Baptist Student Union Council was held during the regular vesper service at the BSU Center.

Jerry Merriman, BSU Director, presided and introduced the adult members of the Council. Dr. Tom Morrow, head of the Zoology Department, is serving as the new faculty

advisor and Rev. Jimmy Vance, pastor of Calvary Church, is pastor advisor.

Miss Sharon Applegate, associate BSU director, and Miss June Cooper, Graduate Assistant, were in charge of the installation. A challenge was given to each new Council member as he accepted the position. The installation service was concluded with a special

selection sung by Tommy Saterfield, music coordinator. Afterwards, a dinner was held at the Golden West Steak House, honoring both new and old Council members.

This service began a weekend clinic consisting of conferences and planning sessions for the new officers. A luncheon at Lake Tlak O'Khata concluded the three-day emphasis.

## Students Use Their Spring Break For Witness In Pioneer Areas

By James McReynolds

NASHVILLE (BP)—While many college and university students headed south to the beaches, for their spring breaks, 53 Tennessee university students and their Baptist student directors headed north.

Instead of basking in the sun of southern beach areas, the students became part of a visitation project to campuses located in areas where snow was part of spring.

Their purpose was to witness in campus communities where little or no Baptist student work exists.

"We received much more than we gave," Miss Vel Spurlin, a member of a team from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., related.

"The encounter with a people of different values and ideals helped us to grow as Christians," she added.

"Individually the students made a little impact, but together as an open, willing group, they paved the way for dialogue and discussion that will lead to establishing campus ministries," Keith Harris, state student director, Baptist Convention of Maryland said.

The visitation teams were from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City; Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville; the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Chattanooga branches; Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro; and Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

The project was financed through

the summer missions fund of the Tennessee Baptist Student Union.

Shelley Richardson, associate, student department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, coordinated the project. He assigned teams of students as requested by student work leaders in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Delaware, Maryland and Massachusetts.

Teams generally consisted of five students and one supervisor from each university. Supervisors were local student directors.



## Wins Top Award

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Mike Levesque, 18, of Hialeah, Fla. grins as he holds the \$5,000 George Washington Award, the Freedoms Foundation's highest honor, which was presented to him at a Valley Forge, Pa., ceremony. Mr. Levesque, a Catholic, is the youngest person ever to receive the award. He was honored for organizing the "Youth For Decency" rally staged in Miami's Sugar Bowl last year.—RNS PHOTO

## Bolivar GAS Busy In Missions Work

The GA's of Bolivar County met for a county-wide mission study March 7 at First Church, Cleveland, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Naron of Cleveland taught the Junior book, "Trail to Rogue Island." Mrs. Dick Brogan taught the Intermediate book, "Assignment: Bro Boston." One hundred and seven girls and leaders were present.

Mrs. Lewis Nichols, Bolivar association GA director, reports, "We have had several other activities besides our mission study. In the fall of 1969 we sent money for hymnals to Mississippi City. During December we made toy to be used at the Children's Village for Christmas. We have our own GA paper, The GA Gazette. Now we are looking forward to our Mother-Daughter Banquet to be held in May."

"This is just an idea of the things that the GAs in our county are doing. To me this shows that our girls and teen-agers care about the Lord's work."

## The World

I love the world God made. He made the trees and the shade. The animals and birds that sing. The teachers and dogs that play. On a shiny gay day. He gave us the horses to ride And a house to play inside. And rabbits, deer, and other things to eat. And I think God is very sweet. Sheep to use as clothing. Friends to play with. Mothers and fathers to take care of you. Chickens to give food. God gave us holidays. And pets to feed. He gave us then to make money. He gave us happy times to laugh. And the best time of the year is fall. And water to drink. Oh, how sweet God is. The wind that blows the trees. Libby King, Age 8.

The Vanderbilt team was assigned Columbia University, New York. Other assignments included Tennessee Tech to Eastern Michigan State University, Ypsilanti, Mich.; East Tennessee State to the University of Delaware, Newark; University of Tennessee, Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati; University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, to Muskingham and Marietta Colleges, Marietta, Ohio, and University of Tennessee, Martin, to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

Some found difficulty in contacting students. "I made 30 phone calls and reached just one guy. He wasn't interested," Jim Berry, a member of the Vanderbilt team, said.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, team visited 450 homes in Jamaica, N. Y. They worked with James Wright, pastor, Highland Avenue Baptist Church. The visitation resulted in locating only four prospects for the church's ministry.

Tennessee Tech students had a special interest in the work at Eastern Michigan. They had aided their BSU program financially for the past three years.

Assigned to the Baltimore area was the Middle Tennessee State University team. The students began the week with an evangelism workshop which was directed by Keith Harris. They witnessed on three campuses, Towson and Morgan State Colleges and Western Maryland College.

One night they were invited to the Baptist Club, an organization of various Baptist denominations, on the campus of Morgan State.

"Baptist Club members were impressed with the fearless enthusiasm the Tennessee students had shown in the dormitory and dining hall witnessing," Harris said.

They also assisted Rev. Duane Ivey (former Mississippi pastor) of Chelsea Baptist Chapel, by witnessing through folk music and dialogue with youth at "The Welcome Inn," a coffeehouse.

"Sensing the needs for children in the Chelsea area, we conducted a two-day trial Day Care Center," Miss Vel Spurlin said.

"The contacts these students made in the new convention territories will be invaluable as they assume places of leadership in the church," Richardson said.



## McBride Entertains At 1st, Greenwood

Pictured above is that 6' 2" Texan, Dan McBride, with Dr. J. V. Ferguson, Church Training Director and Paul Ballard, minister of education and Youth, First Church, Greenwood.

Mr. McBride brought an evening of entertainment to nearly 200 young people as he sang religious satire and comedy for the Youth Banquet on March 27.

Dr. J. V. Ferguson stated that it was one of the best banquets ever sponsored by the Church Training organization.



# MC Alumnus Tells Of His Vietnam Work



REV. LEWIS MYERS

A Mississippi College alumnus, who has been living in Vietnam since 1960, says he has seen a change in the people there due to the American presence.

Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam and a 1954 graduate of Mississippi College, made the observation during an interview while visiting the campus.

He and his wife, the former Toni Alexander, also a '54 graduate, have been assigned to the war-torn country for almost a decade and will be returning for another four-year tour of duty in June. They, along with their four children, live in Da Nang.

Although they do not work directly in the battle area, they do get the backlash of the war. They have dealt with many refugees at the rehabilitation center.

"The war has created no deep resentment toward the American people," said Myers. "The Vietnamese have all heard the word peace, but only those over 30 have ever experienced it."

"The younger people of the country have no real meaning for the word," continued the missionary, "but the more educated ones know what Communism means and they realize that their country would have been run over had the Americans not come."

"The thinking ones appreciate the Americans, but they do not feel indebted to them and do not want to become overly dependent on them," according to Myers.

The development of the middle class has been one of the most prominent changes in Vietnam these past ten years, Myers asserts, and he credits this to the American presence there.

He said only a small percentage of the people are not in the "working class," indicating that many families have two breadwinners holding down assorted jobs.

Myers claims that the Vietnamese government is doing as well as could be expected. He said the government condemns the policy of accepting bribes and has even regulated salaries

on account of them.

"A customs man was paid a meager salary because he worked directly with the people and could take the bribes," said Myers, "whereas an office worker was paid a higher salary because his contact was limited."

He said Black Market transactions were easy to find in the country and that the Vietnamese saw nothing wrong with it.

In the area of religion, Myers said the teaching of Christian beliefs to the Vietnamese required patience and the use of all possible techniques.

"The Vietnamese people are predominantly Buddhist and hold such things as the buffalo in high esteem."

Getting family contact with the Vietnamese requires a special "occasion."

"Being great believers in the spirit world, they had a fear of trees which centered around the idea that all trees were the hiding place for ghosts. Thus I began teaching God as the Holy Spirit as one of the techniques of reaching them with religion."

"The more we worked with these people the more we discovered that the best way to help them understand Christianity was to work parallel with their own sacrificial religion, and give interpretations to the symbols and holidays."

"The people never accept an invitation into a home unless it was for some special event," said Myers. "In order to get some of the families in our home so we could witness to them, we had to use some real creativity."

Despite their many problems and the fact that the country is torn apart by war, the Myers' call Vietnam "home" and feel as though they have been accepted in the community. They speak the six-tonal language fluently.

Mrs. Myers expressed their feelings by saying, "As long as we can stay in the country and function, we will. If the time comes when we are no longer needed, then we will leave."

## Damascus Homecoming

Damascus Church, Franklin County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 19. Rev. Claude Jenkins, Jonesville, La., will preach at the morning service.

Following dinner on the grounds, there will be a church business meeting in the afternoon. Rev. W. C. Sandford is the pastor.

## Cloverdale Calls Pastor

Cloverdale Church, Adams - Union Association, Natchez, has a new pastor on the field. Rev. and Mrs. James Messer go to Cloverdale from Hepzibah Church, Jeff Davis Association. They moved on the field March 28, 1970. Rev. and Mrs. Messer are the parents of a small son, Jimmy.



A VIETNAMESE MAN reads a newspaper outside his street-front shop in the main part of Saigon. The Foreign Mission Board, SBC, currently has 31 career missionaries, two missionary associates, and six journeymen assigned to South Vietnam, an area slightly smaller than the state of Oklahoma.—Photo by Bob Harper

## Mountain Creek To Dedicate New Pastorium

Mountain Creek Church, R. 3 Florence, Rev. J. W. Baker, pastor, will have a homecoming, with dinner on the ground, and a special Open House at the Pastor's Home, on Sunday, June 14.

The day's activities will begin with the Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., and the regular worship service at 11:00 a.m. A special "singing" service has been planned to immediately follow the lunch hour. The open house will begin at 3:00 p.m.

The church hopes to be able to dedicate the pastor's home debt-free, with a note - burning, at the morning worship service. Preaching for that service will be Rev. Ernest Clegg, now of Deatsville, Ala., the pastor who was serving the church when the pastorium was built.

All members, former members, and friends are invited to be present for the day's activities. According to announcement by the Homecoming Committee, those who are unable to attend are invited to send love gifts to help retire the debt, so that the note can be burned on that day. They should be sent to the Building Fund treasurer, Mrs. Joe Bethany, R. 3, Florence, Miss., 39073.

## Baptist Boys Show Interest In Missions

While many other church organizations experienced significant declines in membership, Baptist boys continued to show a keen interest in missions through Royal Ambassadors during the past church year, a report by the Research and Statistics Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board revealed.

The report showed an enrollment of 187,299 boys in Royal Ambassadors in 1968-69, compared with 187,379 the previous year. The enrollment in 1966-67 was 2,000 lower.

"We are disappointed we did not increase another 2,000," said Jay Chance, director of Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis. "But in light of the significant membership decline in many other church programs organizations, I am encouraged. Obviously many churches recognize a need for mission-minded boys."



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### Top 30 Churches in Music Enrollment in 1969

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Pastor  
Broadmoor, Jackson



James Johnson  
Interim Minister  
of Music  
Broadmoor, Jackson



Bill Causey  
Pastor  
Parkway, Jackson



Jimmy Jones  
Minister of Music  
Parkway, Jackson



John Barnes  
Pastor  
Main St., Hattiesburg



Talmadge Butler  
Former Minister  
of Music  
Main St., Hattiesburg



Earl Kelly  
Pastor  
Ridgecrest, Jackson



Tom Moak  
Minister of Music  
Ridgecrest, Jackson

### Clarke Guest Day Very Successful

Woodie Burt, Admissions Counselor, reports a most successful Guest Day at Clarke College on April 4. The total number of visitors was 242, an increase of four above the fall Guest Day in October. In attendance were 112 high school juniors and seniors, 7 high school graduates, 28 Clarke alumni, 45 other adults, and 50 miscellaneous. Among the distinguished guests were the Rev. and Mrs. David Hayhall, missionaries to Nigeria, whose daughter, Ann, is to enter Clarke in June. The Mayhalls are making Magee their headquarters while they are on furlough.

College officials welcomed the mild spring weather which prevailed and, along with the springtime beauty of the campus, added greatly to the enjoyment of the day. The program included morning watch at 8:00, followed by registration and campus tours. Dr. W. L. Compere, President, welcomed visitors at the beginning of the general assembly in the Fine Arts Building and presented members of the College Faculty and Staff. In conferences led by faculty members after the assembly, visitors chose first and second departments of interest. Singing after this conference period was led by Glenn Shows, and all visitors were guests of the College for lunch.

Afternoon conferences with Mr. Victor R. Vaughan, Dean of Men, and Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Dean of Women, were followed by a program of music, under the direction of Mr. J. B. McElroy. A baseball game, in which Clarke won over Meridian Junior College by a score of 16-6, concluded the day's activities.

Romulus founded Rome April 21, 753 B.C. And talk about people wanting to get away from it all, it was on April 6, 1909, after 23 years of trying, that Robert E. Peary reached the North Pole!



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2. Parkway, Jackson	Bill Causey	Jimmy Jones	620
3. Main St., Hattiesburg	John Barnes	Talmadge Butler (former)	573
4. Ridgecrest, Jackson	Earl Kelly	Tom Moak	539
5. Alta Woods, Jackson	Charles Myers	Bill Santo	479
6. Fairview, Columbus	Luther Litchfield	H. G. Earwood	479
7. Calvary, Jackson	Joe Tuten	Dennis Bucher	461
8. Daniel Memorial, Jackson	Allen Webb	Billy Jack Green	459
9. Gulfport, First	John Traylor	Bob Jones (former)	452
10. Biloxi, First	Larry Rohman (former)	None	396
11. Temple, Hattiesburg	Harold Stephens	Bill Benson (former)	387
12. Oak Forest, Jackson	Tommy Hudson	Jerry Talley	378
13. Starkville, First	D. C. Applegate	Paul Adams	373
14. Natchez, First	Tom Dunlap	Major McDaniel	367
15. New Albany, First	S. R. Woodson	George VanEdmond (former)	352
16. Columbus, First	Gordon Sansing	Billy Vaughan	351
17. Grenada, First	Beverly Tinnin	Vernon Folk	339
18. Meridian, First	H. R. Denham, Jr.	John Laughlin	334
19. Union, First	Dan Morton	Norvin E. Forester	324
20. Amory, First	Robert Hamblin	Richard Smith	321
21. Hattiesburg, Tupelo	Clark McMurray	Aubrey Gaskins	318
22. Hattiesburg, First	Merman Milner	James Hays	314
23. Pascagoula, First	F. A. Michel	Daryl Randall	311
24. Van Winkle, Jackson	Johnnie Bridgman	Harry Thompson	307
25. Brookhaven, First	Larry Rohman	Cecil Harper	271
26. Tyngtown	Carless Evans	Robert Green	265
27. Jackson, First	Perry Claxton	Kenneth Forbus	257
28. Poyune, First	Joel Haire	Jerry Neely	256
29. Greenville, First			
30. West Point, First			

These churches reported a total of 11,556 persons enrolled in the music ministry, which is approximately 19% of the 61,451 reported from the churches in Mississippi for 1969.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

## A Gospel For All Mankind

By Clifton J. Allen  
Galatians 3:1 to 4:7

The purpose of God in Christ was a world religion, a gospel for all mankind. As succeeding lessons will point out, the Christians were scattered from Jerusalem, so that the gospel began its outreach beyond Samaria, to Caesarea, to Antioch, to Jews and Gentiles everywhere. This lesson breaks the chronological sequence of this unit to emphasize this central characteristic of the Christian gospel: It is grace for all mankind; it is an all-embracing faith irrespective of race or class or nation or language. We study a passage in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles and also the bold and zealous interpreter of the universal gospel of grace.

### The Lesson Explained

#### The Gospel Of Grace For All

Let us review briefly the background and setting and purpose of Galatians. Paul — having become a believer in Christ and having been called of God to a special ministry to the Gentiles — had gone out with Barnabas on a missionary tour in Asia Minor. Jews and Gentiles were converts to the new faith. As the Christian movement spread more and more into the Gentile world, a segment of the Christian community made up of Jews became increasingly insistent that Gentiles must become full adherents to Judaism by circumcision and by observing the law, as well as believers in Christ, in order to be saved. This group became intensely active among the Galatian churches shortly after Paul and Barnabas founded these churches. With great burden of heart, Paul wrote his letter to the Galatian churches to refute the false teaching of the Judaizers. Salvation does not come through being a member of a particular race or through one's deeds of mercy or justice or through any ritual or creed, but through faith in Christ, the Son of God.

Justified By Faith  
Verses 7-14

The opening verses of chapter 3 should be noted. Paul challenged the Galatians, with affection but earnest rebuke, to ask why they had been so quickly swept from the truth of the gospel by agitators for the works of the law. He reminded them, by pointed questions, that their new life in the Spirit had not come by works of the law but by faith. Now Paul used Abraham as the superb and most convincing illustration of the basic truth he wanted to emphasize. It was faith which gave Abraham acceptance before God. The true sons of Abraham are believers, believers in God through Jesus Christ. And the recipients of salvation are the true Israel, in reality, the church of the living God.

Paul pressed his point further. Reliance on the works of the law is utterly futile. No one can observe the law perfectly. Therefore, to depend on the works of the law for one's salvation leaves one condemned, under the curse of God for disobedience. There is a way to be justified, and that is by faith. This is possible because Christ himself, who did observe the law perfectly and was without sin, took the curse of our disobedience upon himself as he died on the cross. Thus through Christ there is justification by faith. Whoever—whether Jew or Gentile—believes in Jesus Christ is a partaker of the promise of the Spirit by faith.

All One in Christ Jesus  
Verses 26-29

Christ broke down the barriers dividing men. He came into a fragmented, divided world. But he came bringing salvation to all who would receive him and bringing a life of love and unity through the Spirit to make all believers one as the members of his body, his church. This relationship with God comes through faith in Christ. It is declared and symbolized by being baptized into Christ. Persons being baptized into Christ. Persons being baptized into Christ. Persons being baptized into Christ. They "have put on Christ" in the sense that they accept his lordship and the relationship of oneness with all who believe in him. In this relationship all barriers are broken down—racial, social, economic, and cultural. To be a member of Christ is to be "members one of another."

## A Disciple In Conflict With Materialism

By Bill Duncan  
Mark 10:17-31  
Luke 5:27-32

There is no greater conflict anywhere than that which exists between the true Christian and the flood of materialism. By materialism we mean that which people can have and use the wrong way. We all need material things to eat, to wear, to drive, and to enjoy. But we do not need more than we can use to the glory of God. I need a suit to wear but I cannot see how I could use 250. There is a fine line between having that which I need and that which I want. Material things are wrong when they keep us from God. "Ye cannot serve two masters." Material possessions are either a means of glorifying God or hindrance to the spiritual life of a person.

The two stories illustrate what should be our attitude toward materialism. The more we study them the more modern they become.

We usually call the first story, the story of the Rich Young Ruler. All the gospels tell us he was rich, because this is why we consider the story. Matthew says he was young, (Matt. 19:20,) and only Luke says he was a ruler. Because of his youth he would be popular; because of his money he would be successful; and because of his position he would be powerful.

All the gospels make us take interest in the man. Levi was an unpopular person in his day, but one that could have had much money because of his position. The way you got to be a publican was by bidding. The one who bid the most got the job, and all over the bid price went into his own pocket. Many of the publicans were wealthy people through dishonest practices.

### The Great Refusal

The young man was also very religious. He claimed to be good. In a legal sense he had kept the law, but in a spiritual sense it was not true, because his whole attitude to his fellow-man was wrong. In the true sense of the word he was selfish. If one looks upon his material possessions for nothing but his own glory, comfort, and

convenience then they are wrong. If he looks upon them as a means of helping others, then his possessions are his crown.

He had tried to gain eternal life by seeking to pile up a "credit balance" with God by keeping commandments and by observing rules and regulations. This is why he asked, "What must I do...?" He wanted to do something. He does not know about the grace of God. Jesus tried to lead him on to a correct view by pointing out what God said about sin in the commandments. Jesus quoted five commandments that deal with man's relation to man (man's duty to man) with special stress upon the commandment to honor the parents. In this he was asking what was his attitude toward his fellow man and his parents. The Rich Young Ruler refused to put them before his possessions. These possessions needed to be done away with in order to present better proof of showing God's love and care for fellow-men.

Jesus presented the Rich Young Ruler with the challenge, but he had great possessions. The tragedy is that he loved things more than he loved Jesus. He loved himself more than he loved others. "Any man who puts things before people and self before others, must of necessity turn his back on Jesus Christ."

Material possessions have a way of encouraging false independence. If he has the world's goods, then he can well deal with any situation without the aid of God.

Material possessions make one more interested in the world than in Heaven or heavenly things. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:21) The things that are material can be seen but the spiritual things are unseen.

This man must have refused because he did not think he needed God. When a man does not have the things material, he is often driven to God because of his need. He asked the right question. He got the right answer. But he loved his possessions more than the Lord.

### The Great Acceptance

When Jesus called his disciples, he did not always call the ones that we would today. But Jesus knew what was in their heart. Levi left all, rose up and followed him. What did Levi leave? He left a way of life based on greed and graft in which honest men could not survive. He left unhappiness for the joy of the living Christ. The new life gave him more than the possessions that could have been gained by the old way of greed. In following Christ he knew the way of life that gives rather than gets for one's self.

The change is possible for anyone who will accept Christ and follow him. The change is all because one accepts Christ as his Lord which includes his relations with material possessions. Levi was willing for Christ to change his attitude toward everything, even money.

"One may gain the whole world and lose his own soul," or he may accept Christ and receive that which is better than the whole world. This is what Christianity is all about. We want to love Christ first, and he supplies all that we need.

Storms of applause have greeted people born in April: Leonardo da Vinci, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, J. P. Morgan, Charles Chaplin, Machiavelli, U. S. Grant, Harry Houdini, Queen Elizabeth II, and Barbra Streisand!

Mathiston, First Church, April 28-May 1; Rev. James Griffith (pictured), pastor of East Louisville Church, Louisville, evangelist; Rev. J. B. Rowe, pastor of Tomnolen Church, Tomnolen, will lead the singing; "Sunday School at Night" will be conducted Monday night through Friday night; Rev. James Earl Drane, pastor.

Forest Church: Life Enrichment Week, April 19-22; Dr. Chester Swor, (pictured) speaker; Jerry Merriman, song leader; evening services at 7:00; Rev. Frank W. Gunn.

Central Church, McComb: April 26; Rev. Fred Robertson, Parkway Church, Natchez, evangelist; Eugene Price, Central Church, McComb, singer; morning services: Tuesday-Friday at 7:00; Evening services: 7:30; Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Eudora Church, Eudora, Arkansas: Mar. 28-Apr. 5; Dr. Joe Odle, evangelist; Larry Williams, minister of music-youth, led music; 13 for baptism, 1 by statement and 1 by letter; Rev. L. C. Hoff, former Mississippi, pastor.

Byhalia Church: Rev. Charles Conley of Sardis Church, evangelist; 52 decisions; 18 saved; one commitment for church work; 33 rededications (Rev. Bill Moseley, pastor, stated, "I baptized seven this past Sunday which made a total of 21 people baptized in March. Our offerings were \$400 over the budget in March, and we are thrilled at the response of the people to the work of the Holy Spirit."

Brewer, Richton (Perry Assoc.): March 1-8; 12 professions of faith, several rededications, Rev. Price Harris, associate pastor, music and youth director, Calvary Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, evangelist; Buster Taylor, William Carey College, singer; Rev. W. A. Cummings, pastor.

Osyka Church: April 19-24; Rev. J. C. Hamilton, (pictured) pastor of First Church, Quitman, evangelist; Charles Carruth, director of music at Osyka, singer; services 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with nursery open for night services only; May 24 will be centennial celebration; Rev. Richard G. Gordon, pastor.

First, Hazlehurst: April 19-24; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pictured, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Cecil Harper, minister of music, First Church, Jackson, in charge of music; church pianist; K. E. George E. Meadows, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Arkabutla (Tate): April 17-19; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.; Doug VanDevender, Mississippi College, evangelist; Jim Landrum, Mississippi College, song leader; Rev. Bobby Walton, pastor.

Vanilla Church: April 17-19; Rev. Eric Hammarstrom, pastor, evangelist; and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Magee of Clinton, in charge of music; services Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00; regular services Sunday.

Carriation Church, Okolona: April 19-24; Rev. Willie Richardson, pastor Clarkston, Maben, evangelist; Leslie McGregor, singer; Sunday services, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; services Monday-Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Edward Pendergraft, pastor.

Meadville Church: April 20-26; Rev. Bill Cox, full-time evangelist, New Orleans, preacher; C. L. "Bud" Polk, Columbia, singer; weekday services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday services regular time; Rev. Jerry Slapak, pastor.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg: April 19-26; Rev. LaVerne Butler, pastor, Ninth and O'Church, Louisville, y., evangelist; Dan Hall, secretary, Music Dept., Miss. Bapt. Convention Bd., evangelistic singer; Rev. Billy E. Roby, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. during week; regular hours on Sunday.

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## Names In The News

Rev. Clarence Minner, pastor of Macedonia Church, Route 5, and a Carey College ministerial student, is the new president of the Le-bannon Baptist Ministers' Assn. He succeeds Rev. O. E. Thompson who has moved to Denham Springs, La.

The association is composed of 33 Baptist churches. (Photo by King's Studio)

Mrs. Stella V. Tomlinson of Houston, Tex., mother of Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionary to Argentina, died March 22 in Houston. Funeral services were held March 24 at Boulevard Cullen Chapel, Houston. Mrs. Cooper, the former Katherine Tomlinson of Clinton, Miss., may be addressed at Casilla 143, Posadas, Misiones, Argentina.

Students of Blue Mountain College have elected the following young women and one faculty advisor to serve as members of the Student Government Association for 1970-71: Pres., Shirley Mohandro of Memphis; Vice President, Cookie Griffin of State Springs; Secretary, Sandra Freeman of New Albany; Treasurer, Pat Smith of Ripley; Prosecuting Attorney, Teresa Neaves of Sallito; Defending Attorney, Vicki Herrington of Rayville, La.; Senior Representative, Annette Bridges of Falkner; Junior Representative, Sandra C. Williams of Clarksdale; Sophomore Representative, Mary Ann Chamberlain of Grenada; Freshman Representative, Sarah Stacks of Sandwich, Ill.; Commuter Representative, Brenda Harrington of Blue Mountain and faculty advisor, Dr. Carey Hearn of Blue Mountain.

## To Be Presented

### In Senior Recital

On Monday, April 20, at 8:00 P.M. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium of Blue Mountain College, the Music Department will present Miss Charlotte Garrison of Pontotoc in her Senior Piano Recital.

The public is invited to attend the recital and the reception which follows.

Miss Garrison was the recipient of Blue Mountain College's Music Scholarship for her freshman year; and during her junior year, she received the B. G. Lowrey Scholarship based upon character, leadership ability, talents, and loyalty to the College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garrison of Pontotoc.

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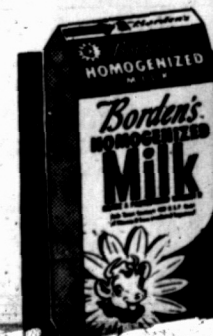
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## Parkway, Jackson, Calls Minister Of Education

Rev. Winford Hendrix, assistant pastor at Parkway Church, Jackson, since June, 1969, has assumed a new role on the church staff as minister of education. He succeeds Curtis Beard who served in this position for eighteen years and nine months, now serving as minister of visitation for Parkway Church.

Mr. Hendrix is a native of Pensacola, Florida, and Mrs. Hendrix of Atlanta, Georgia. They are both graduates of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hendrix is also a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.



## Off The Record

The doctor questioned his patient carefully and then exclaimed, "What, your dyspepsia is no better? Did you follow my directions and drink hot water one hour before breakfast?"

"I did my best, Doc, but I couldn't keep it up on more than ten minutes."

**Roommates'**

First: I need to borrow \$5.  
Second: I don't have it. I wrote home for some bread, and they sent pumpnickel.

A truck driver saw the long-haired, bearded hippie standing along side of the road and stopped to pick him up. The hippie crawled in. About an hour later they stopped for lunch. The hippie said, "I bet you truck drivers aren't very fast drivers. I could out-run your truck any day."

"Okay," said the driver. "We'll see about that."

After they had eaten, the truck driver took the hippie out of town and let him out. The driver started moving at twenty miles an hour. He looked out the window and the hippie was right beside the truck. The driver kicked the truck up to seventy. The hippie was still beside him. In one last try, the driver speeded up to ninety and looked out. The hippie was gone.

He turned around and went back. He found the hippie lying in the ditch—bruised, cut, and torn. "What happened to ya?"

"Man, did you ever blow a sandal strap when you was doing ninety?"

An alumnus, shown a list of current examination questions by his old economics professor, exclaimed: "Why, those are the same questions you asked when I was in school!"

"Yes," said the professor, "we ask the same question every year."

"But don't you know that students hand the questions along from one year to the next?"

"Sure," said the professor. "But in economics we change the answers."

"Son," a father told his growing boy, "just remember one thing: I know a lot more about being young than you do about being old."



**CHURCH TRAINING ASSEMBLY PERSONALITIES:** Speakers for the church training "Early Bird" leadership conferences at Glorieta, June 5-7, are (top row, from left) W. L. Howse, director, education division, Sunday School Board; James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Sunday School Board; W. A. Criswell, SBC president, and Don Berry, pastor, Memorial Drive Church, Houston, Tex. Music director will be Jimmy F. Dunn, church training department, Sunday School Board. Speakers for other church training conferences at the assemblies are (middle row, from left) E. Warren Rust, pastor, Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Mo., at Glorieta, June 7-13; Lester Morris, pastor, First Church, Midland, Tex., at Glorieta, June 14-20; Morris Ford, pastor, First Church, Longview, Tex., at Glorieta "Fact Track" conference, June 21-24; Don Watterson, pastor, Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., at Ridgecrest, July 9-15; and Ralph Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Church, Houston, Tex., at Ridgecrest, July 16-22. Music directors for church training weeks are (bottom row, from left) Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Church, San Antonio, Tex., at Glorieta, June 7-13; Pete Butler, minister of music, First Church, Ada, Okla., at Glorieta, June 14-20; Earl L. Murphy, church training department, Sunday School Board, at Glorieta, June 21-24; Broadman Ware, minister of music, First Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at Ridgecrest, July 9-15; and Jerry Ratcliffe, minister of music, First Church, Baton Rouge, La., at Ridgecrest, July 16-22.

### Park Weddings Offer Christian Testimony

**BUENOS AIRES (EP)**—Four Argentine couples, wishing to give public witness of their faith in Jesus Christ, were married in a public park here, and more are planning to do the same.

Some 1,500 people attended the first ceremony in Rivadavia Park in mid-winter, Argentina's warm season. Large Argentine newspapers and TV publicized the event.

"There was a general air of approval—more by non-evangelicals than of believers," noted Missionary Martha Berberian.

**A National Survey of practicing dentists indicated that one third of dentists have stopped smoking cigarettes, another third have never smoked and one third still smoke: Of those polled, 68 per cent said they believed the dentist has a responsibility to help patients stop smoking and should set a good example by not smoking cigarettes.**

## Florida Layman In Ecuador Guides Mission Rebuilding

**By Stanley D. Stamps**

**GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador**—A twice-retired engineer from Florida, recalled by his company to supervise a highway construction job in Ecuador, has helped rebuild a Baptist chapel there.

Frank C. Robinson and his wife, Louise, members of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., have been attending First Church in Milagro, Ecuador, since 1968.

Pastor Carlos Garibaldi approached Robinson one day concerning much-needed repairs to the church's mission building in San Francisco district.

Robinson, drawing upon past experience, determined that both the roof and floor of the mission chapel should be replaced. The roof was made of plantain leaves which admitted spatters of sunlight in summer and rain in winter. The floor was made of cane.

Aware that most of the church's members were poor laborers, many of them unemployed, Robinson was nevertheless convinced that they should contribute to the project.

He struck a bargain with the pastor: He would furnish a new floor for the chapel if the pastor could raise money for the roof, and he would furnish technical direction and part of the money if the church members would provide the labor.

It was a strange but satisfying experience for the men of the Milagro church to handle certain building tools for the first time. The neophyte crew soon had repairs under way and soon encountered their first problem: The walls fell in.

Undaunted, they dismantled the structure and rebuilt it. Working after hours and on Saturdays, they

had the little 16-by-26 foot frame structure ready for dedication within a few weeks. Total cost: \$600.

On the day of dedication the Milagro congregation unveiled a plaque in honor of the Baptist layman who lived and worked with them and who taught them the dignity of volunteer labor.

Now they plan to build a bamboo house for the mission pastor. Each member has pledged the equivalent of about 50 cents a month. The Robinsons will give a like amount above their regular contribution.

Pastor Garibaldi testifies that the church membership has experienced a revival of interest and participation. Church members look at the half-finished building and say with pride, "We are building this one with our own means."



### Forest Young People Present "I Saw Him"

"I SAW HIM", a moving, Easter dramatization depicting events and emotions during the crucifixion and resurrection was presented at the Forest Church, Forest, April 5. Eleven of the church's "younger generation" composed the cast. Pictured above, left to right: 1st row, Tye Gaddis, Wanda Calhoun, Patti Burriel, Eddie

Gaddis, Tam Madden, Richard Webb, Beverly Gaddis, 2nd row, David Madden, Johnny Loper, Roy Fountain, Angie Ledford, Glenn Crosby, Curlee Green, and Keith Posey were in charge of the light and sound effects. Marvin Reddish and A. V. Windham, Jr., minister of education - youth, were the directors.



### Church Music Assembly Personalities

**NASHVILLE**—CHURCH MUSIC ASSEMBLY PERSONALITIES—Charles C. Hirt, left; Gordon Young, center; and Donald Hustad will be featured faculty members at church music leadership conferences for Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assemblies. The Glorieta conference will be July 10-22, and the Ridgecrest conference will be July 2-8.

### Anne McBrayer Dies

Thursday, April 9, Miss Anne Estes McBrayer, of Blue Mountain, passed away at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Miss McBrayer had the misfortune of suffering an accidental injury in 1960, which caused a handicap. Students, family members and friends considered her a blessing.

After her graduation from the Greenville High School, she moved to Blue Mountain to live with her three aunts, Miss Bess Hutchins of the college faculty, Mrs. Booth Hutchins Estes, and Mrs. A. F. Outlaw. She attended Blue Mountain College from 1962 until 1964, and attended one summer session in 1961.

She was a faithful member of Lowrey Memorial Church and that of Panama City, Florida's First Baptist Church. For the past four years she had lived with her immediate family. She was visiting in Blue Mountain at the time of her last illness which caused her death.

Miss McBrayer is survived by her mother, Mrs. Robert Gwyn (the former Louise Estes) of Panama City, Florida, and one brother, Jimmy McBrayer of Memphis.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, April 11, in the chapel of McBride Funeral Home in Ripley. Rev. Alvin G. Hall, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, officiated. Interment was in the Blue Mountain Cemetery.

### Former Missionary Accepts Pastorate At Hebron (Panola)

On Oct. 19, 1969, Rev. Ira S. Perkins went to Hebron Church, Panola County, as interim pastor. He was called as the church's pastor on Dec. 28, 1969.

Mr. Perkins received a B. A. degree from Miss. College and B. D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He served as pastor of churches in Miss., Kentucky, and Tenn. during 1954-1961.

On October 14, 1961 he and his wife were appointed as missionaries to N. Brazil. He served there as field evangelist in Victoria da Conquista, Bahia during 1963-67. Mr. Perkins helped in both Evangelistic Campaigns in 1965 and in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas in 1969, serving as director of the Crusade in the State of Bahia during both Crusades.

His wife is the former Bettye Williams of Hernando. Mrs. Perkins received her B. D. degree from Miss. College. They have one son, Roger David, 12, attending the 7th grade class of N. Panola High School.

Home accidents strike both sexes equally, except that men drink more and sustain more serious injuries than women. Men suffer head injuries, cuts, abrasions, and self-inflicted knife wounds whereas women's accidents are usually burns, fractures or sprains.

## Devotional

### The Look That Lasts

Job 42:5-6

By Robert E. Self, Pastor, Edon Church, Stringer

The problem of evil and suffering has been a challenge to the people of God throughout history. Many have no doubt wondered why particular burdens have come upon them, why problems have become such a consuming thing in their lives. There is nothing new in that. Job of Old Testament days was a man of reverence, honor, and integrity. He had been blessed with a large family, a great accumulation of material wealth and the respect of his fellow man.

These things caused his peers to look upon him as a man who had truly been blessed by God. When his troubles came, however, and he began to be systematically deprived of all those symbols of success, his acquaintances began to question his integrity. His three "friends" came to "comfort" him. They gave forth in great accusations along with exhaustive enticements in an effort to get Job to confess. Through it all, Job maintained that he was guilty of no gross sin.

The experiences of Job are not without significance for us. First, our study of Job shows that the ancient assumption, often heard today, that each time a man suffers it is the direct result of a particular sin that he himself has committed, is inadequate. Job's peers believed that Job was being punished for some gross misconduct.

Job maintained his innocence and was vindicated in the end. Thus, we see that suffering comes to all, both "good" and "bad." A better principle for the friends of Job and for us is that "all sin brings suffering (consequences) but not all suffering is the result of sin in the life of the person who suffers." That is sin always has consequences but there is such a thing as the innocent suffering. Was not this the case of Job and of our Lord as well?

Then, the experiences of Job say to us that out of the greatest adversity of life, God is able to work good. The blessings of Job in the end exceeded anything that he could have known in the beginning.

Paul expresses the same idea in Romans 3:28. God has not withdrawn from us at the time when we need Him most. Rather, He is patiently working out His will, even in times of trouble. When Trouble comes, let us ask, "What can I learn from this?"

Finally, the experiences of Job served to guide him into a better and more personal relationship to God. In 42:5 he stated, "I have heard of thee... but now mine eye seeth thee." All that he had heard before and had received from his predecessors, was important, but never as when he was allowed to claim God for himself.

The religion that is passed to us out of tradition does have some value (morals, etc.) but never is its value so great as when a man is able to claim Jesus Christ for himself. Only then does the look of faith satisfy.

### BMC Classes

#### Elect Officers

Class officers for the session 1970-71 at Blue Mountain College have been elected. They are as follows:

**Sophomore Class**—President, Paty Jarrett of Pontotoc; Vice President, Susie Marshall of Jonesboro, Ark.; Secretary, Judy Brown of Bruce; and Treasurer, Teresa Collins of Kossuth.

**Junior Class**—President, Rita Sandling of Silver City; Vice President, Carol Elliott of Memphis; Secretary, Pam Baker of West Memphis, Ark.; and Treasurer, Susan DeGood of Memphis.

**Senior Class**—President, Barbara Rahrer of Rockledge, Florida; Vice President, Genie Henderson of Palm Beach, Fla.; Secretary, Willie McFerrin of Grenada; and Treasurer, Linda White of Guntown.

**Permanent Senior Class**—President, Kathy McKinney of Miami, Fla.; Vice President, Faye Clackley of Alexander City, Ala.; Secretary, Becky Greer of Charleston; Treasurer, Pat Alred of Grenada; and Historian, Ginger Herrington of Rayville, La.

Officers of the 1970-71 Freshman Class will be elected in the early fall.

### New Pastor at Brewer

Rev. W. A. Cummings became the pastor of Brewer Church, (Perry Assoc.) in January, 1970. Mr. Cummings returned to Mississippi after serving five years in pastoral and mission work in California.

He served as pastor of First Church, Crockett, Calif., and First Church, Pacheco, both in the San Francisco Bay area. In 1969 he worked in connection with the Home Mission Board SBC, in Santa Cruz, Calif. A native of Miss., Mr. Cummings attended Clarke College, Jones Co. Jr. college, and William Carey College.

He pastored Trinity Church, Wayne Co., before going to Calif. While at Trinity, he married the former Ann C. West. The Cummings' have two children, Suzette, five, and Wade Alan, two.

W. A. Cummings is the son of Rev. W. G. Cummings, pastor of Temple Church, Rt. 2, Pascagoula, Miss.

Brewer Church surpassed all attendance goals of its fifty-one year history, having 120 in Sunday school Easter Sunday.

### McGhee Joins Staff Sunday School Board

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—Bob R. McGhee has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of children's curriculum materials in the church training department.

A native of Kentucky, McGhee earned the bachelor of science in education degree from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., and the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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